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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book examines statewide trends in well-being of Alabama's children. The statistical portrait is based on 18 indicators in the areas of child health, education, safety, and security: (1) infant mortality rate; (2) low weight births; (3) child health index; (4) births to unmarried teens; (5) first grade retention; (6) school dropout rate; (7) projected school dropout rate; (8) child death rate; (9) children with indication of abuse or neglect; (10) juvenile substance abuse arrest rate; (11) juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; (12) juvenile violent crime arrest rate; (13) juvenile violent crime court referral rate; (14) preventable teen death rate; (15) vulnerable families; (16) children receiving AFDC/TANF; (17) children in poverty; and (18) single-parent families with children. The data book begins with an introduction and an explanation of features new to this year's report. Following the summary of state data, county information on licensed child care, a list of the current and base years for indicator comparisons, and information on using the book, the bulk of the data book presents data for each indicator by county, as well as a summary of county data and county rankings. The data indicate that there have been statewide improvements in infant mortality, event and projected school dropout rates, child death rate, child abuse or neglect, preventable teen death rate, vulnerable families, and children receiving AFDC/TANF. Indicators with worsening statistics include low weight births, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, and juvenile substance abuse court referral rate. The data book concludes with acknowledgements, definitions, notes, and information sources. (KB)

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INTRODUCTION

Positive changes continue to sweep across Alabama. During the past decade Alabama saw an increase in concern for issues affecting its children and families. This concern continued to grow during the beginning of the new decade with the creation and growth of the Department of Children's Affairs and its Children's Policy Councils. Grassroots movements across the state are also working to bring more attention to the need for tax and constitutional reform in order to help families build on the improvements of the past few years.

As the Children's Policy Councils (CPC) continue to grow they have become more active in their counties. A majority of councils submitted a County Needs Assessment Plan and have begun to implement their plan. Communities are following the lead of their local CPC and working to develop solutions to the issues that face the children and families in their community. Communities across Alabama are realizing they must work together to improve the quality of life for all.

With the transitioning of many Alabama families from welfare to work, the number of low-income working families has increased. These low-income working families are vulnerable to many challenges resulting from poverty. Alabama's regressive tax structure keeps low-income working families in poverty. Alabama is only one of 15 states that collect taxes on necessary items such as food. On average, an Alabama family will pay $480 in food sales taxes this year. This money could buy more food for the family or go towards other family expenses. Alabama's income tax also exhibits a regressive nature. Alabama has the lowest income tax threshold in the nation, $4600 for a family of four. This threshold is $13,001 below the Federal Poverty Level.

The challenges faced by low-income working families impact the state as a whole. Alabama's regressive tax structure and earmarking severely limit both the amount of taxes collected and the distribution of the tax dollars. The narrow base of the tax structure limits overall tax dollars the state collects. If Alabama were to match the collection practices of peer states such as Kentucky it would see an increase of $2 billion in revenue. Matching Mississippi would result in an increase of $836 million. Matching these collection practices would require increasing the tax base and redistributing the tax burden more fairly and adequately. If these reforms were made, fewer families would be in poverty, education and other services for children would receive adequate funding and economic security for the state as a whole would be greatly improved.

The goal of the 2002 Alabama Kids Count Data Book is to present a holistic, numerical portrait of the status of our children using the best available data. We hope that you will use the information in this book to bring awareness and action to the challenges children face in your neighborhood, community or city. In the past the Alabama Kids Count Data Book has been a widely used source of information for leaders, policy makers, media and grant writers. We are gratified by this and hope that we continue to be a valued ally in improving the well-being of children in this state.

Linda Tilly
Executive Director, VOICES for Alabama's Children

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NEW THIS YEAR

This year's *Kids Count Data Book* reports statistical information on 18 child welfare indicators. Past users will find that almost all of these variables have appeared annually in previous editions of the *Data Book*. With the release of the 2000 census data, "percent single-parent families with children under 18" has reappeared after having been last reported in the *1996 Data Book*. In addition, "median family income" and "percent of persons living below the poverty level" are included from recently released census data, along with population data from the 2000 census. Only portions of the decennial census had been released at the time this publication was prepared. Other data from the 2000 census will appear in future editions of the *Data Book*.

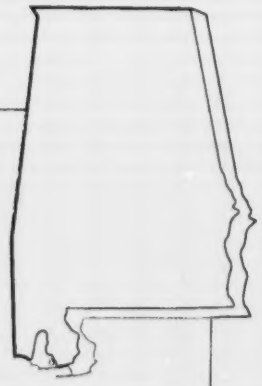
A major improvement this year is the eight-variable scale that is used to compute overall ranks of counties on child welfare. In the past, all variables deemed to be related to child welfare were included in the composite scale on the basis of face validity alone. This year, each of the candidate variables was statistically analyzed for inclusion in the final scale through correlation analysis. The variables included in this year's county ranking index include: births to unmarried teens; children in poverty; children receiving AFDC/TANF; children's health index; infant mortality rate; low weight births; single-parent families; and the vulnerable families index.

The variables chosen this year were a result of a more scientific analysis and were the variables with the strongest correlation. The overall reliability coefficient of the resulting scale, at .748, was beyond the generally accepted standard for acceptability. As a result, users of this year's *Data Book* can have more confidence in both the validity and reliability of the indicators that were used to generate the overall county rankings.

Additional maps have been added to this year's *Data Book* as well to give a better picture of geographical concentrations with similar rankings on the indicators used in the overall county rankings index. The maps for the indicators are similar to the overall county rankings map. Based on the scores of the counties, the top and bottom ranking 17 counties are illustrated in different colors.

STATE DATA

State 48 Ranking



Alabama

Demographics		1990		2000	
Total county population		4,040,587		4,447,100	
County child population		1,060,001		1,123,422	
Children as percentage of Alabama's population		26.2		25.3	
The children of Alabama					
	Under age 5	283,295	26.7	295,992	26.3
	Ages 5-9	293,587	27.7	315,345	28.1
	Ages 10-14	299,413	28.2	320,252	28.5
	Ages 15-17	182,493	17.2	191,833	17.1
The diversity of Alabama's children					
	White	702,982	66.3	711,149	63.3
	African American	342,751	32.3	357,442	31.8
	Hispanic			24,875	2.2
	Other races	14,268	1.3	15,344	1.4
	More than one race			14,612	1.3
Median family income		$37,233*		$41,657	
All persons living below poverty level		18.3%		16.1%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

Indicator	Number		Rate		Trend
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	689	594	10.9	9.4	I
Low weight births	5,331	6,154	8.4	9.7	W
Child health index	34,539	37,100	56.9	58.7	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,289	7,064	11.5	11.2	—
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	4,690	4,375	7.4	7.3	
Event dropout rate	12,524	8,188	6.1	4.1	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	9,333	22.1	15.5	I
SAFETY					
Child death rate	317	235	38.3	26.9	I
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	17,790	9,238	16.9	8.2	I
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1,512	2,602	316.0	508.1	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3,110	5,160	645.4	1,007.6	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	695	739	144.2	144.3	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2,628	2,772	545.3	541.3	—
Preventable teen death rate	327	235	102.1	72.4	I
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	4,477	3,619	16.7	14.0	I
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	96,083	34,228	8.0	2.7	I
Children in poverty	250,485	233,961	24.0	21.2	
Single-parent families with children	155,185	203,931	27.0	32.8	

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Alabama National Composite Rank 48

	State		National		Rank
	1990	1999	1990	1999	
Low-weight births	8.4	9.3	7.0	7.6	47
Infant mortality rate	10.8	9.8	9.2	7.1	48
Child death rate	39	37	31	24	49
Teen death rate	101	84	71	53	48
Teen birth rate	47	38	37	29	42
Teen dropout rate	15	10	10	10	30
Idle teens	13	10	10	8	38
Under-employed parents	37	30	30	25	44
Children in poverty	24	23	20	19	41
Single-parent families	24	29	24	27	39

Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Total Licensed Providers	Exempt Centers
Autauga	23	9	13	45	5
Baldwin	74	16	42	132	26
Barbour	20	2	2	24	0
Bibb	9	0	3	12	2
Blount	18	0	7	25	4
Bullock	1	0	4	5	3
Butler	24	2	6	32	2
Calhoun	42	15	24	81	22
Chambers	12	14	10	36	2
Cherokee	3	2	8	13	3
Chilton	7	4	8	19	3
Choctaw	4	2	6	12	0
Clarke	6	3	10	19	4
Clay	2	8	5	15	0
Cleburne	10	2	3	15	1
Coffee	15	12	19	46	6
Colbert	26	0	13	39	10
Conecuh	4	7	5	16	0
Coosa	5	3	2	10	0
Covington	12	9	11	32	5
Crenshaw	14	3	3	20	1
Cullman	17	0	22	39	7
Dale	27	12	17	56	8
Dallas	34	11	17	62	5
DeKalb	10	12	21	43	1
Elmore	41	0	17	58	17
Escambia	14	1	12	27	8
Etowah	14	11	26	51	20
Fayette	9	4	2	15	3
Franklin	6	7	7	20	2
Geneva	10	8	11	29	2
Greene	4	2	4	10	1
Hale	14	5	3	22	2
Henry	8	3	6	17	3
Houston	34	1	61	96	22
Jackson	13	10	16	39	7
Jefferson	181	46	227	454	172
Lamar	9	4	2	15	2
Lauderdale	7	4	17	28	11
Lawrence	5	5	9	19	0
Lee	64	5	39	108	4
Limestone	1	0	12	13	5
Lowndes	3	0	2	5	1
Macon	16	0	14	30	3
Madison	114	9	96	219	29
Marengo	11	9	16	36	1
Marion	28	0	5	33	3
Marshall	12	6	25	43	12
Mobile	125	20	101	246	97
Monroe	10	5	7	22	2
Montgomery	185	0	132	317	33
Morgan	35	2	35	72	11
Perry	7	1	6	14	0
Pickens	6	2	6	14	4
Pike	30	13	6	49	3
Randolph	8	6	10	24	0
Russell	19	4	19	42	9
St. Clair	9	7	12	28	11
Shelby	34	14	40	88	17
Sumter	4	2	8	14	1
Talladega	9	23	24	56	8
Tallapoosa	76	0	17	93	10
Tuscaloosa	41	7	45	93	30
Walker	6	8	12	26	6
Washington	4	9	3	16	0
Wilcox	1	1	3	5	3
Winston	8	11	5	24	0
TOTAL	1,654	423	1,401	3,478	695

Data reported as of February, 2002.

Current and Base Years for the collection of Indicator Data

Indicator	Base Year	Current Year
Infant mortality rate	1990	2000
Low weight births	1990	2000
Child health index	1994	2000
Births to unmarried teens	1990	2000
First grade retention	1998	2001
Event dropout rate	1995	2001
Projected dropout rate	1995	2001
Child death rate	1990	2000
Children with indication of abuse and neglect	1991	2001
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1991	2000
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1990	2000
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1990	2000
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1990	2000
Preventable teen death rate	1990	2000
Vulnerable families	1994	2000
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1991	2001
Children in poverty	1989	1999
Single-parent families	1990	2000

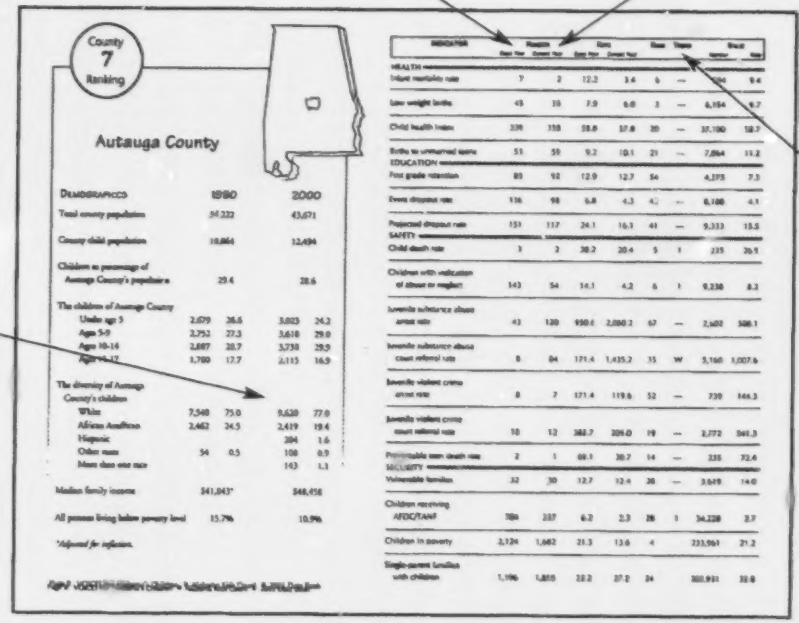
HOW TO USE THIS DATA BOOK

The *Alabama Kids Count 2002 Data Book* presents eighteen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. The Introduction summarizes the status of Alabama's children and their families from the perspective of VOICES. The State Profile presents statewide information about the condition of Alabama's 67 counties in alphabetical order. The Appendices include a map of overall county rankings, definitions and acknowledgements.

The state and county profile pages contain the most recent available data and historical data for each of the eighteen indicators. Actual numbers of children or events are presented along with rates or percentages that allow county-to-county comparisons. Base year numbers and rates serve as benchmarks to help measure change. The base year for children in poverty is 1989. The base year for the event dropout and projected dropout is 1995. The base year for the first-grade retention is 1998. The base year for children with indication of abuse or neglect, children receiving AFDC/TANF, and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate is 1991. The base year for the children's health index and vulnerable families is 1994. The base year for all other indicators is 1990.

Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. The current year for children in poverty is 1999. The current year for children receiving AFDC/TANF, event dropout rate, projected dropout, first-grade retention and children with indication of abuse or neglect is 2001. The current year for all other indicators is 2000. Counties are ranked on each indicator from best (1st) to worst (67th). If counties are tied, they share the same rank. Because the number of events can change a great deal each year in sparsely populated counties, three-year averages were used to determine most rankings.

Current state numbers and rates are included to allow easy county-state comparisons. Population figures from the 1990 and 2000 Censuses are presented for every county.



There is an indication of trend for each indicator. The letters "I" and "W" indicate whether conditions are significantly improving or worsening. A dash (—) indicates the absence of any significant trend. The time span for the trend analysis is each of the years from 1991 through 2001 for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF; 1994 through 2000 for the children's health index and vulnerable families; 1995 through 2001 for the event dropout and projected dropout rate; and 1991 through 2000 for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate. Time span for trend analysis for all other indicators is 1990 through 2000. There is no trend analysis for first-grade retention due to the lack of historical data. Also, trends are not reported for children in poverty or single-parent families due to an absence of sufficient data.

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COUNTY PAGES

County 7 Ranking

Autauga County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	34,222		43,671	
County child population	10,064		12,494	
Children as percentage of Autauga County's population	29.4		28.6	
The children of Autauga County				
Under age 5	2,679	26.6	3,023	24.2
Ages 5-9	2,752	27.3	3,618	29.0
Ages 10-14	2,887	28.7	3,738	29.9
Ages 15-17	1,780	17.7	2,115	16.9
The diversity of Autauga County's children				
White	7,548	75.0	9,620	77.0
African American	2,462	24.5	2,419	19.4
Hispanic			204	1.6
Other races	54	0.5	108	0.9
More than one race			143	1.1
Median family income	$41,843*		$48,458	
All persons living below poverty level	15.7%		10.9%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	2	12.2	3.4	6	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	45	35	7.9	6.0	2	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	339	338	58.8	57.8	20	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	59	9.2	10.1	21	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	85	92	12.9	12.7	54		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	136	98	6.8	4.3	42	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1	16.1	41	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	38.2	20.4	5	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	54	14.1	4.2	6	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	120	950.6	2,050.2	67	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	84	171.4	1,435.2	35	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	7	171.4	119.6	52	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	18	12	385.7	205.0	19	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	69.1	30.7	14	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	30	12.7	12.4	28	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	704	327	6.2	2.3	28	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,124	1,682	21.3	13.6	4		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,196	1,855	22.2	27.2	24		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	11	5.8	6.1	31	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	83	156	6.1	8.6	13	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	856	1,103	58.4	60.8	13	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	131	159	9.6	8.8	23	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	166	113	9.1	6.3	28		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	435	233	7.6	3.6	35	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	518	296	27.8	14.4	36	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	8	25.0	30.1	41	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	575	512	22.0	14.4	46	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	104	181	898.5	1,116.4	65	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	95	256	812.7	1,579.0	61	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	14	68.4	86.4	43	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	66	51	564.6	314.6	31	I	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	10	68.3	105.7	50	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	73	72	11.4	10.4	20	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,151	273	4.0	0.7	2	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	5,186	4,403	20.5	13.1	2		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,003	4,869	22.1	25.8	14		203,931	32.8

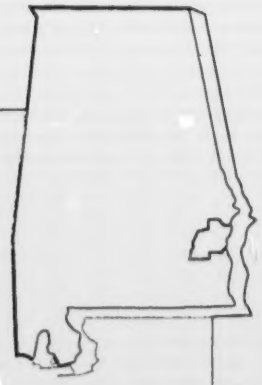
County 11 Ranking

Baldwin County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	98,280		140,415	
County child population	25,455		34,320	
Children as percentage of Baldwin County's population	25.9		24.4	
The children of Baldwin County				
Under age 5	6,753	26.5	8,621	25.1
Ages 5-9	7,091	27.9	9,486	27.6
Ages 10-14	7,264	28.5	10,144	29.6
Ages 15-17	4,425	17.4	6,069	17.7
The diversity of Baldwin County's children				
White	20,452	80.3	28,007	81.6
African American	4,641	18.2	4,718	13.7
Hispanic			763	2.2
Other races	362	1.4	396	1.2
More than one race			436	1.3
Median family income	$39,194*		$47,028	
All persons living below poverty level	14.3%		10.1%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 57 Ranking



Barbour County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	25,417		29,038	
County child population	7,438		7,383	
Children as percentage of Barbour County's population	29.3		25.4	
The children of Barbour County				
Under age 5	1,885	25.3	1,788	24.2
Ages 5-9	2,141	28.8	2,053	27.8
Ages 10-14	2,129	28.6	2,156	29.2
Ages 15-17	1,309	17.6	1,386	18.8
The diversity of Barbour County's children				
White	3,364	45.2	3,101	42.0
African American	4,029	54.2	4,085	55.3
Hispanic			94	1.3
Other races	45	0.6	44	0.6
More than one race			59	0.8
Median family income	$30,938*		$31,877	
All persons living below poverty level	25.2%		26.8%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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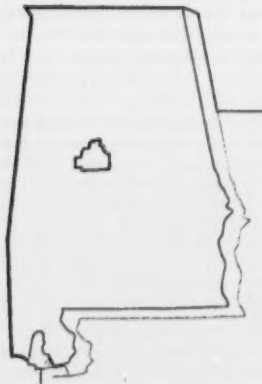
Indicator	Number Base Year	Number Current Year	Rate Base Year	Rate Current Year	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	5	19.1	12.5	37	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	42	45	10.0	11.3	55	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	209	220	51.5	55.1	26	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	70	58	16.7	14.5	57	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	34	28	7.6	7.7	44		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	102	53	7.6	4.1	16	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	125	59	25.7	15.8	16	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	13	2	223.1	35.4	11	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	258	82	34.8	11.1	37	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	46	90.4	1,298.7	64	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	57	349.0	1,609.3	46	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	141.2	35	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	22	727.2	621.1	53	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	286.7	46.5	47	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	31	27.7	19.9	60	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	891	285	10.8	3.5	49	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,308	2,689	32.2	37.1	59		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,215	1,692	33.3	43.0	57		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	2	12.8	7.1	48	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	22	24	9.4	8.5	42	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	130	160	54.9	56.5	58	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	28	15.4	9.9	33	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	52	9.6	15.1	61		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	63	35	6.6	4.1	18	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	77	52	21.9	16.3	17	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	27.2	0.0	8	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	91	95	18.9	17.7	62	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	17	345.6	736.9	29	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	12	388.8	520.2	59	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	135.5	71.1	62	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	23	14	19.8	13.3	31	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	249	134	4.6	2.3	31	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,260	1,442	26.9	27.6	49		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	509	792	20.8	27.9	26		203,931	32.8



County 40 Ranking

Bibb County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	16,576		20,826	
County child population	4,829		5,286	
Children as percentage of Bibb County's population	29.1		25.4	
The children of Bibb County				
Under age 5	1,171	24.2	1,449	27.4
Ages 5-9	1,307	27.1	1,530	28.9
Ages 10-14	1,400	29.0	1,454	27.5
Ages 15-17	915	18.9	853	16.1
The diversity of Bibb County's children				
White	3,472	71.9	3,835	72.6
African American	1,357	28.1	1,339	25.3
Hispanic			62	1.2
Other races	0	0.0	11	0.2
More than one race			39	0.7
Median family income	$30,777*		$37,230	
All persons living below poverty level	21.2%		20.6%	

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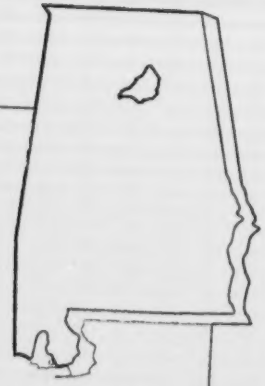
County 9 Ranking



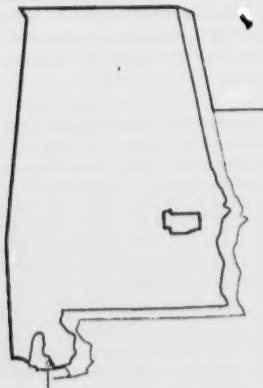
Blount County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	39,248		51,024	
County child population	10,108		12,948	
Children as percentage of Blount County's population	25.8		25.4	
The children of Blount County				
Under age 5	2,648	26.2	3,528	27.2
Ages 5-9	2,671	26.4	3,633	28.1
Ages 10-14	2,862	28.3	3,662	28.3
Ages 15-17	1,855	18.4	2,125	16.4
The diversity of Blount County's children				
White	9,731	96.3	11,549	89.2
African American	203	2.0	177	1.4
Hispanic			1,011	7.8
Other races	174	1.7	98	0.8
More than one race			113	0.9
Median family income	$34,164*		$41,573	
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%		11.7%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	6	13.5	8.9	50	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	34	57	6.6	8.4	25	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	343	405	57.8	59.8	7	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	33	52	6.4	7.7	5	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	66	2.9	8.5	46		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	113	116	5.5	5.4	53	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	123	130	20.1	19.8	54	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	52.0	9.9	23	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	198	73	19.7	5.5	17	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	10	325.6	172.8	32	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	46	34	975.2	587.5	22	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	21.2	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	14	127.2	241.9	16	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	194.6	29.6	23	I	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	22	37	8.3	13.7	22	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	296	228	2.6	1.6	17	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,744	1,699	17.7	13.2	3		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	845	1,355	14.7	18.8	2		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	4	0.0	24.4	66	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	17	20	8.8	12.2	59	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	95	84	55.6	51.2	65	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	43	36	22.3	22.0	64	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	43	20	21.8	11.6	65		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	18	20	3.8	3.8	23	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	20	28	13.6	13.9	21	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	37.8	0.0	51	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	110	42	33.2	14.0	35	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	6	200.9	415.5	6	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	138.5	37	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	6	401.9	415.5	23	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	6	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2	25.4	67	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	674	257	18.1	7.7	62	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,707	1,329	50.6	44.7	64		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	791	935	49.7	59.9	67		203,931	32.8



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Bullock County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	11,042		11,714	
County child population	3,422		3,058	
Children as percentage of Bullock County's population	31.0		26.1	
The children of Bullock County				
Under age 5	948	27.7	737	24.1
Ages 5-9	940	27.5	877	28.7
Ages 10-14	939	27.4	875	28.6
Ages 15-17	554	16.2	569	18.6
The diversity of Bullock County's children				
White	524	15.3	403	13.2
African American	2,880	84.2	2,568	84.0
Hispanic			54	1.8
Other races	18	0.5	16	0.5
More than one race			17	0.6
Median family income	$23,097*		$23,990	
All persons living below poverty level	36.5%		33.5%	

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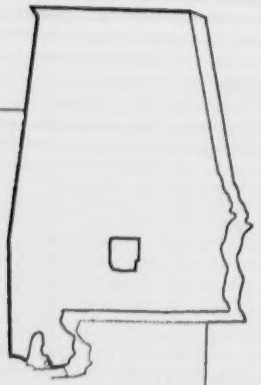

Butler County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	21,892		21,399	
County child population	6,586		5,754	
Children as percentage of Butler County's population	30.1		26.9	
The children of Butler County				
Under age 5	1,639	24.9	1,358	23.6
Ages 5-9	1,954	29.7	1,539	26.7
Ages 10-14	1,863	28.3	1,699	29.5
Ages 15-17	1,135	17.2	1,158	20.1
The diversity of Butler County's children				
White	3,150	47.8	2,786	48.4
African American	3,421	51.9	2,885	50.1
Hispanic			32	0.6
Other races	15	0.2	17	0.3
More than one race			34	0.6
Median family income	$27,903*		$30,915	
All persons living below poverty level	31.5%		24.6%	

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	2	6.6	6.6	22	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	28	30	9.2	9.8	18	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	136	154	49.8	50.5	52	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	44	43	14.5	14.1	52	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	20	11.6	8.0	43		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	108	65	8.6	5.9	67	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	115	71	30.2	22.0	67	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	19.3	0.0	45	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	248	57	38.6	10.0	29	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	7	1	241.0	35.0	29	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	35	13	1,167.4	455.0	5	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	50	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	4	300.2	140.0	2	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	111.5	55.5	46	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	28	22	24.1	17.1	46	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	909	184	12.6	2.9	42	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,790	1,788	42.7	31.3	53		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,043	1,272	33.7	41.1	53		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	24	19	14.1	12.4	45	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	152	152	8.9	10.0	30	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	864	867	53.6	56.8	29	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	198	156	11.6	10.2	19	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	104	107	6.1	7.0	35		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	363	218	6.5	4.4	41	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	399	245	22.9	16.7	40	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	12	8.9	58.6	37	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	554	338	19.5	12.9	56	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	74	64	508.0	528.1	44	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	138	136	1,012.2	1,122.1	38	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	43	11	315.4	90.8	48	I	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	86	67	630.8	552.8	41	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	14	6	137.5	73.3	41	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	122	89	16.7	13.1	9	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,144	776	6.3	2.6	40	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	5,416	5,833	18.9	22.6	37		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	4,136	4,888	25.3	32.5	36		203,931	32.8

County 31 Ranking

Calhoun County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	116,034		112,249	
County child population	29,046		26,456	
Children as percentage of Calhoun County's population	25.0		23.6	
The children of Calhoun County				
Under age 5	7,379	25.4	6,926	26.2
Ages 5-9	7,965	27.4	7,410	28.0
Ages 10-14	8,442	29.1	7,469	28.2
Ages 15-17	5,192	17.9	4,651	17.6
The diversity of Calhoun County's children				
White	21,732	74.8	19,028	71.9
African American	6,890	23.7	6,242	23.6
Hispanic			535	2.0
Other races	424	1.5	282	1.1
More than one race			369	1.4
Median family income	$36,781*		$39,908	
All persons living below poverty level	15.7%		16.1%	

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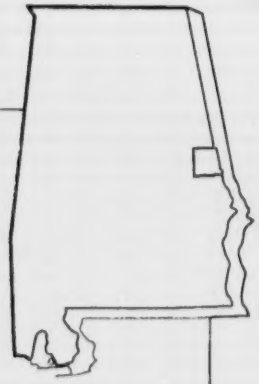

Chambers County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	36,876		36,583	
County child population	9,559		9,017	
Children as percentage of Chambers County's population	25.9		24.6	
The children of Chambers County				
Under age 5	2,418	25.3	2,430	26.9
Ages 5-9	2,636	27.6	2,604	28.9
Ages 10-14	2,748	28.7	2,475	27.4
Ages 15-17	1,830	19.1	1,508	16.7
The diversity of Chambers County's children				
White	5,008	52.4	4,666	51.7
African American	4,539	47.5	4,169	46.2
Hispanic			84	0.9
Other races	12	0.1	33	0.4
More than one race			65	0.7
Median family income	$34,174*		$36,598	
All persons living below poverty level	18.8%		17.0%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	3	12.2	6.1	20	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	66	45	11.5	9.2	39	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	298	296	55.2	60.5	22	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	99	79	17.2	16.2	60	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	27	26	5.5	5.3	5		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	92	67	5.7	4.6	33	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	111	79	20.0	17.0	30	—	9,332	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	54.4	14.2	13	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	226	76	23.8	8.5	39	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	39	28	881.6	703.0	61	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	47	1,048.5	1,180.0	52	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	6	174.7	150.6	51	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	47	22	1,026.6	552.3	32	I	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	99.7	80.6	13	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	36	24.6	17.7	59	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	967	246	9.0	2.5	39	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,602	2,000	27.5	22.5	36		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,668	1,998	32.2	39.8	50		203,931	32.8

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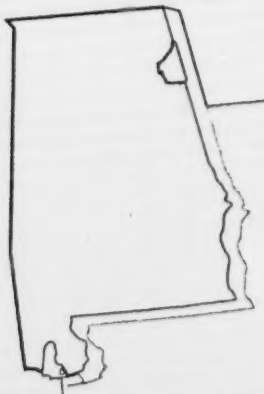
INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	2	0.0	6.7	23	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	20	29	8.7	9.7	35	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	135	155	56.0	51.8	44	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	12	32	5.2	10.7	38	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	22	2.0	7.2	24		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	78	63	6.5	6.0	66	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	90	71	23.9	21.9	66	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	83.6	24.1	63	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	198	79	42.8	14.8	66	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	2	43.8	84.4	12	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	15	52	635.3	2,193.2	62	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	5	169.4	210.9	4	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	261.6	211.9	63	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	20	5.7	15.4	44	W	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	166	134	3.2	2.3	32	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	936	1,062	20.4	20.4	26		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	473	728	17.4	23.4	6		203,931	32.8



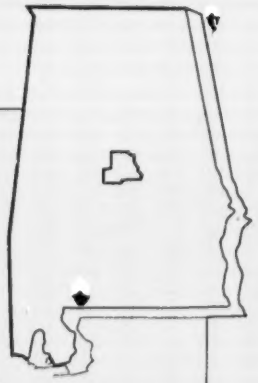
County 34 Ranking

Cherokee County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	19,543		23,988	
County child population	4,623		5,320	
Children as percentage of Cherokee County's population	23.7		22.2	
The children of Cherokee County				
Under age 5	1,132	24.5	1,433	26.9
Ages 5-9	1,199	25.9	1,516	28.5
Ages 10-14	1,451	31.4	1,502	28.2
Ages 15-17	910	19.7	869	16.3
The diversity of Cherokee County's children				
White	4,270	92.4	4,810	90.4
African American	350	7.6	347	6.5
Hispanic			84	1.6
Other races	3	0.1	24	0.5
More than one race			55	1.0
Median family income	$32,358*		$36,920	
All persons living below poverty level	17.6%		15.6%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

County 35 Ranking



Chilton County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	32,458		39,593	
County child population	8,735		10,165	
Children as percentage of Chilton County's population	26.9		25.7	
The children of Chilton County				
Under age 5	2,199	25.2	2,734	26.9
Ages 5-9	2,332	26.7	2,838	27.9
Ages 10-14	2,575	29.5	2,896	28.5
Ages 15-17	1,581	18.1	1,697	16.7
The diversity of Chilton County's children				
White	7,419	84.9	8,323	81.9
African American	1,305	14.9	1,364	13.4
Hispanic			339	3.3
Other races	11	0.1	62	0.6
More than one race			77	0.8
Median family income	$34,008*		$39,505	
All persons living below poverty level	17.1%		15.7%	

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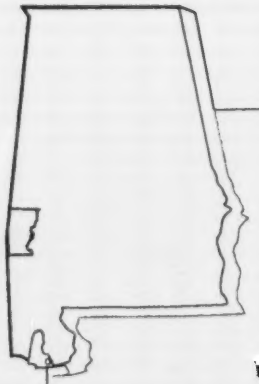
Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	7	12.4	11.9	54	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	32	45	6.6	7.6	22	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	230	296	49.0	50.3	54	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	59	52	12.2	8.8	18	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	47	1.1	8.4	39		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	128	78	7.1	4.4	46	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	134	93	25.1	16.8	46	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	44.9	12.6	47	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	141	144	16.2	14.0	45	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	14	124.8	304.8	24	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	70	72.2	1,524.1	31	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	65.3	20	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	17	72.2	370.1	28	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	195.8	147.6	53	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	37	15.7	15.6	40	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	485	208	5.0	1.8	25	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,619	1,942	18.9	19.4	21		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	910	1,406	18.8	24.5	11		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	4	21.2	20.1	11	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	24	28	10.2	14.1	53	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	122	122	57.5	61.3	16	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	32	28	13.6	14.1	45	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	23	15	10.9	8.6	41		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	43	55	4.8	8.5	65	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	46	57	18.2	30.0	65	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	28.0	62.9	57	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	61	16	13.2	3.9	5	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	9	170.9	456.6	10	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	12	42.7	608.8	35	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	134.8	86.1	36	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	17	16.3	21.0	41	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	625	126	12.1	2.8	46	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,757	1,408	38.1	34.8	57		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	681	856	27.8	36.6	47		203,931	32.8



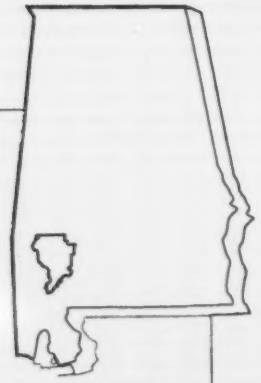
County 43 Ranking

Choctaw County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	16,018		15,922	
County child population	4,648		4,148	
Children as percentage of Choctaw County's population	29.0		26.1	
The children of Choctaw County				
Under age 5	1,136	24.4	1,103	26.6
Ages 5-9	1,232	26.5	1,074	25.9
Ages 10-14	1,396	30.0	1,203	29.0
Ages 15-17	944	20.3	768	18.5
The diversity of Choctaw County's children				
White	2,210	47.5	1,948	47.0
African American	2,435	52.4	2,139	51.6
Hispanic			25	0.6
Other races	3	0.1	12	0.3
More than one race			24	0.6
Median family income	$30,641*		$31,870	
All persons living below poverty level	30.2%		24.5%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 51 Ranking



Clarke County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,240		27,867	
County child population	8,184		7,811	
Children as percentage of Clarke County's population	30.0		28.0	
The children of Clarke County				
Under age 5	1,948	23.8	2,080	26.6
Ages 5-9	2,275	27.8	2,193	28.1
Ages 10-14	2,439	29.8	2,191	28.1
Ages 15-17	1,493	18.2	1,347	17.2
The diversity of Clarke County's children				
White	3,824	46.7	3,749	48.0
African American	4,309	52.7	3,907	50.0
Hispanic			61	0.8
Other races	51	0.6	46	0.6
More than one race			48	0.6
Median family income	$29,955*		$34,546	
All persons living below poverty level	25.9%		22.6%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	3	19.1	6.9	34	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	43	40	9.1	9.2	31	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	216	244	50.0	56.2	34	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	58	60	12.3	13.8	50	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	62	21	12.4	4.3	48		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	43	13	2.5	0.9	3	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	50	16	9.8	3.6	3	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	2	79.1	33.0	54	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	136	35	16.8	4.5	12	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	11	131.1	310.9	35	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	21	23	534.1	650.1	15		5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	25.4	0.0	26	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	12	356.1	339.2	11	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	122.1	92.5	28	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	28	18.0	16.5	56	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,183	383	13.1	4.5	60	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,592	2,284	31.9	29.6	51		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,127	1,414	27.9	33.7	38		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	2	6.4	10.5	29	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	10	17	6.4	8.9	15	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	96	91	54.9	47.6	61	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	11	13	7.0	6.8	11	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	12	19	6.3	9.0	57		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	53	18	7.1	2.4	5	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	53	21	26.1	9.9	5	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	62	63	18.9	18.5	64	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	62.5	16	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	16	496.3	1,000.6	25	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	5	434.2	312.7	17	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	189.4	0.0	25	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	9	11.3	10.6	10	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	136	61	3.7	1.6	24	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	634	719	19.7	21.6	31		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	368	523	19.9	26.8	20		203,931	32.8

County 25 Ranking

Clay County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	13,252		14,254	
County child population	3,307		3,397	
Children as percentage of Clay County's population	25.0		23.8	
The children of Clay County				
Under age 5	788	23.8	877	25.8
Ages 5-9	918	27.8	921	27.1
Ages 10-14	957	28.9	979	28.8
Ages 15-17	655	19.8	620	18.3
The diversity of Clay County's children				
White	2,571	77.7	2,610	76.8
African American	732	22.1	674	19.8
Hispanic			57	1.7
Other races	4	0.1	16	0.5
More than one race			40	1.2
Median family income	$31,337*		$34,033	
All persons living below poverty level	17.4%		17.1%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 2 Ranking

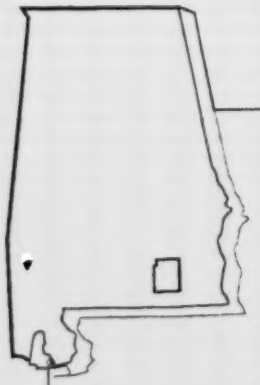
Cleburne County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	12,730		14,123	
County child population	3,308		3,435	
Children as percentage of Cleburne County's population	26.0		24.3	
The children of Cleburne County				
Under age 5	854	25.8	867	25.2
Ages 5-9	916	27.7	997	29.0
Ages 10-14	939	28.4	982	28.6
Ages 15-17	603	18.2	589	17.1
The diversity of Cleburne County's children				
White	3,060	92.5	3,175	92.4
African American	224	6.8	147	4.3
Hispanic			56	1.6
Other races	24	0.7	14	0.4
More than one race			43	1.3
Median family income	$33,615*		$35,579	
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%		13.9%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	1	5.6	5.3	5	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	10	16	5.6	8.5	8	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	82	111	59.4	59.0	42	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	12	12	6.8	6.4	2	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	17	20	7.3	9.0	49		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	22	38	3.1	5.6	47	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	43	12.1	20.3	47	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	37.7	22	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	95	69	29.2	19.8	67	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	4	0	264.7	0.0	11	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	14	18	907.9	1,145.8	27	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	254.6	64	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	7	324.3	445.6	21	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	98.9	310.6	59	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	6	15.5	8.0	2	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	171	61	4.6	1.5	10	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	573	542	17.4	16.1	10		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	309	432	16.1	21.6	3		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	2	10.9	3.5	3	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	54	61	8.4	10.6	19	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	302	301	52.1	52.3	35	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	78	63	12.1	10.9	29	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	37	4.3	6.4	18		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	139	116	5.6	4.9	49	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	146	115	20.9	18.2	53	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	5	50.6	60.4	29	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	140	68	13.8	6.3	31	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	27	462.4	525.2	51	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	33	78	675.7	1,517.2	51	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	3	41.0	58.4	41	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	7	286.7	136.2	22	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	2	125.4	64.2	18	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	24	37	9.1	15.0	29	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	601	249	5.2	2.1	35	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,922	2,334	18.9	22.3	35		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,276	1,816	21.9	29.8	32		203,931	32.8



County 20 Ranking

Coffee County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	40,240		43,615	
County child population	10,371		10,806	
Children as percentage of Coffee County's population	25.8		24.8	
The children of Coffee County				
Under age 5	2,694	26.0	2,718	25.2
Ages 5-9	2,749	26.5	2,947	27.3
Ages 10-14	2,949	28.4	3,184	29.5
Ages 15-17	1,935	18.7	1,957	18.1
The diversity of Coffee County's children				
White	7,868	75.9	7,443	68.9
African American	2,358	22.7	2,416	22.4
Hispanic			436	4.0
Other races	145	1.4	250	2.3
More than one race			261	2.4
Median family income	$35,890*		$39,664	
All persons living below poverty level	15.5%		14.7%	

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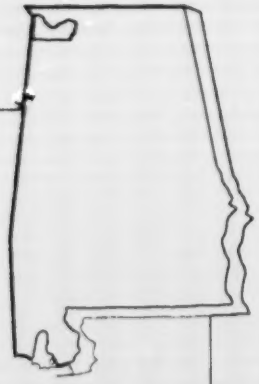
County 33 Ranking



Colbert County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	51,666		54,984	
County child population	12,493		13,077	
Children as percentage of Colbert County's population	24.2		23.8	
The children of Colbert County				
Under age 5	3,406	27.3	3,358	25.7
Ages 5-9	3,449	27.6	3,728	28.5
Ages 10-14	3,581	28.7	3,735	28.6
Ages 15-17	2,112	16.9	2,256	17.3
The diversity of Colbert County's children				
White	9,631	77.1	9,875	75.5
African American	2,725	21.8	2,692	20.6
Hispanic			230	1.8
Other races	137	1.1	121	0.9
More than one race			159	1.2
Median family income	$36,161*		$39,294	
All persons living below poverty level	14.6%		14.0%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	7	5.4	10.5	35	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	64	81	8.6	12.1	51	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	434	383	64.3	57.4	10	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	68	84	9.2	12.6	37	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	64	48	8.6	6.5	30		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	125	90	5.0	3.8	37	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	145	103	18.3	14.7	34	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	30.5	19.7	9	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	88	97	7.1	7.4	16	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	18	395.3	300.5	45	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	34	527.0	567.5	12	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	1	105.4	16.7	38	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	11	123.0	183.6	5	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	139.3	27.4	26	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	40	44	12.7	16.5	43	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	504	93	3.6	0.6	3	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,476	2,376	19.9	18.4	16		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,610	2,172	22.3	28.7	28		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	2	11.8	11.0	65	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	24	32	9.4	17.7	67	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	111	91	54.4	50.3	57	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	37	26	14.5	14.4	43	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	35	35	15.6	17.6	66		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	26	41	3.7	7.9	63	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	34	52	14.3	31.9	63	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	32.8	0.0	42	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	15	24	3.8	6.7	63	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	6	0.0	352.9	37	W	2,602	500.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	5	371.0	294.1	20	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	53.0	176.5	47	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	7	53.0	411.8	26	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	89.9	195.7	49	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	9	18.4	14.1	36	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	504	304	11.6	7.7	67	—	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,398	1,298	36.8	36.1	58		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	618	809	30.7	40.2	52		203,931	32.8

County 59 Ranking

Conecuh County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	14,054		14,089	
County child population	3,838		3,648	
Children as percentage of Conecuh County's population	27.3		25.9	
The children of Conecuh County				
Under age 5	943	24.6	875	24.0
Ages 5-9	1,088	28.3	1,073	29.4
Ages 10-14	1,184	30.8	1,044	28.6
Ages 15-17	703	18.3	656	18.0
The diversity of Conecuh County's children				
White	1,784	46.5	1,593	43.7
African American	2,054	53.5	1,977	54.2
Hispanic			26	0.7
Other races	0	0.0	17	0.5
More than one race			35	1.0
Median family income	$27,555*		$31,424	
All persons living below poverty level	29.7%		26.6%	

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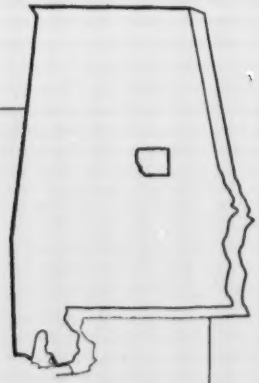
County 56 Ranking



Coosa County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	11,063		12,202	
County child population	2,875		2,891	
Children as percentage of Coosa County's population	26.0		23.7	
The children of Coosa County				
Under age 5	790	27.5	759	26.3
Ages 5-9	795	27.7	797	27.6
Ages 10-14	776	27.0	845	29.2
Ages 15-17	521	18.1	490	16.9
The diversity of Coosa County's children				
White	1,708	59.4	1,664	57.6
African American	1,152	40.1	1,156	40.0
Hispanic			32	1.1
Other races	15	0.5	15	0.5
More than one race			24	0.8
Median family income	$30,463*		$36,082	
All persons living below poverty level	18.2%		14.9%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	3	6.2	25.6	61	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	16	13	9.9	11.1	61	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	74	60	60.7	51.3	64	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	32	15	19.9	12.8	53	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	7	6.2	5.4	23		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	24	20	4.4	4.4	64	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	31	26	16.3	16.8	64	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	78	42	27.2	14.6	53	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	149.8	28	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	26	77.1	1,947.6	49	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	149.8	29	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	7	462.6	524.3	39	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	113.4	0.0	66	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	8	15.5	16.3	58	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	180	89	5.6	2.8	38	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	618	562	21.8	19.5	24		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	398	526	25.8	32.5	37		203,931	32.8

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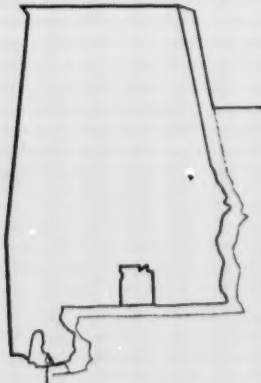
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	11.7	4.4	16	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	31	39	6.1	8.7	26	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	254	238	52.3	52.9	24	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	50	56	9.8	12.4	35	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	34	6.9	7.2	13		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	110	112	5.4	6.0	58	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	130	126	19.3	22.2	57	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	1	69.7	14.6	58	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	161	70	17.7	8.0	34	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	25	140.4	598.8	48	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	108	874.0	2,586.8	67	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	23.0	71.9	30	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	13	575.0	311.4	38	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	5	110.2	194.5	58	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	25	21.5	14.0	32	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	629	249	6.1	2.6	36	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,601	2,093	28.1	23.9	38		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,250	1,482	24.4	29.2	30		203,931	32.8



County 27 Ranking

Covington County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	36,478		37,631	
County child population	9,343		8,860	
Children as percentage of Covington County's population	25.6		23.5	
The children of Covington County				
Under age 5	2,320	24.8	2,223	25.1
Ages 5-9	2,569	27.5	2,462	27.8
Ages 10-14	2,717	29.1	2,593	29.3
Ages 15-17	1,631	17.5	1,582	17.9
The diversity of Covington County's children				
White	7,601	81.4	7,176	81.0
African American	1,688	18.1	1,471	16.6
Hispanic			90	1.0
Other races	54	0.6	60	0.7
More than one race			63	0.7
Median family income	$30,184*		$33,201	
All persons living below poverty level	22.0%		18.4%	

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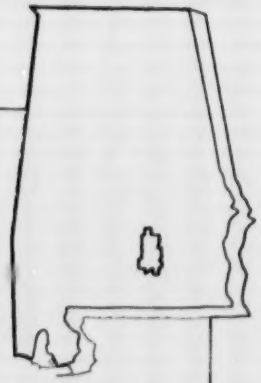
County 26 Ranking



Crenshaw County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	13,635		13,665	
County child population	3,637		3,372	
Children as percentage of Crenshaw County's population	26.7		24.7	
The children of Crenshaw County				
Under age 5	896	24.6	803	23.8
Ages 5-9	992	27.3	971	28.8
Ages 10-14	1,074	29.5	985	29.2
Ages 15-17	682	18.8	613	18.2
The diversity of Crenshaw County's children				
White	2,440	67.1	2,318	68.7
African American	1,197	32.9	949	28.1
Hispanic			33	1.0
Other races	0	0.0	33	1.0
More than one race			39	1.2
Median family income	$27,733*		$31,724	
All persons living below poverty level	24.3%		22.1%	

Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	7	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	15	9	8.3	5.3	1	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	102	98	61.4	57.6	43	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	15	21	8.3	12.4	40	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	22	17	11.5	9.0	20		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	41	25	5.6	3.8	25	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	48	27	20.8	13.5	25	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	35.4	0.0	1	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	74	21	20.7	6.2	52	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	9	0.0	563.2	39	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	16	170.8	1,001.3	32	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	187.7	32	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	7	569.5	438.0	33	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	12	10	15.4	13.5	34	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	369	81	9.2	2.2	33	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,069	920	29.5	28.3	50		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	552	658	28.6	34.4	41		203,931	32.8

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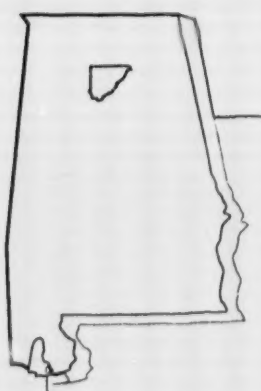
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	4	10.9	4.0	18	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	71	72	7.8	7.3	7	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	507	539	58.6	54.4	36	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	77	3.9	7.8	8	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	57	74	5.9	7.6	33		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	202	188	5.8	5.3	24	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	220	206	21.5	19.9	24	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	4	30.1	27.7	43	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	346	258	20.4	13.7	47	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	35	204.6	403.2	42	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	56	97	713.6	1,117.4	40	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	46.1	22	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	15	40	191.1	460.8	40	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	6	117.5	110.2	35	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	40	8.2	9.9	8	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	372	191	1.9	0.9	4	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,829	2,642	17.0	14.5	7		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,539	2,328	15.9	21.9	4		203,931	32.8



County 6 Ranking

Cullman County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	67,613		77,483	
County child population	16,926		18,790	
Children as percentage of Cullman County's population	25.0		24.3	
The children of Cullman County				
Under age 5	4,463	26.4	4,943	26.3
Ages 5-9	4,701	27.8	5,166	27.5
Ages 10-14	4,861	28.7	5,343	28.4
Ages 15-17	2,987	17.6	3,338	17.8
The diversity of Cullman County's children				
White	16,655	98.4	17,725	94.3
African American	182	1.1	167	0.9
Hispanic			576	3.1
Other races	89	0.5	124	0.7
More than one race			198	1.1
Median family income	$33,557*		$39,341	
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%		13.0%	

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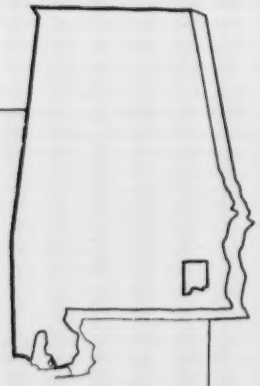
County 29 Ranking



Dale County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	49,633		49,129	
County child population	13,846		13,047	
Children as percentage of Dale County's population	27.9		26.6	
The children of Dale County				
Under age 5	4,283	30.9	3,686	28.3
Ages 5-9	3,885	28.1	3,694	28.3
Ages 10-14	3,598	26.0	3,513	26.9
Ages 15-17	2,110	15.2	2,154	16.5
The diversity of Dale County's children				
White	10,082	72.8	8,361	64.1
African American	3,349	24.2	3,427	26.3
Hispanic			639	4.9
Other races	415	3.0	224	1.7
More than one race			396	3.0
Median family income	$35,801*		$37,806	
All persons living below poverty level	14.8%		15.1%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	8	10.1	10.1	58	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	47	76	5.3	9.6	16	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	438	453	55.0	57.1	17	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	58	76	6.5	9.6	20	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	37	4.8	6.7	25		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	120	105	5.2	4.6	32	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	130	122	19.3	17.5	33	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	27.1	9.9	7	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	313	109	22.9	8.4	54	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	51	555.2	899.9	62	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	98	103	1,716.9	1,817.5	66	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	11	52.6	194.1	57	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	40	47	700.8	829.4	57	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	77.9	0.0	38	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	41	13.9	13.9	15	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	724	328	4.7	2.3	37	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,743	2,497	20.0	19.4	21		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,732	2,357	23.1	32.3	35		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	2	11.1	2.5	32	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	78	87	8.6	10.7	60	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	453	437	58.8	53.9	49	W	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	190	185	21.0	22.8	66	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	48	95	5.7	12.6	59		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	152	50	5.8	2.0	13	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	177	55	20.6	7.9	11	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	1	50.9	9.8	26	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	344	77	23.2	5.9	14	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	45	15	665.0	239.7	26	I	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	53	186.8	846.8	26	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	17	11	244.3	175.7	58	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	72	119	1,034.6	1,901.3	67	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	0	113.9	0.0	21	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	116	96	33.7	30.3	65	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,998	1,075	23.9	7.3	63	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	7,299	5,292	49.2	40.7	60		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,264	3,697	45.3	52.6	63		203,931	32.8

County 61 Ranking

Dallas County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	48,130		46,365	
County child population	15,069		13,253	
Children as percentage of Dallas County's population	31.3		28.6	
The children of Dallas County				
Under age 5	3,870	25.7	3,415	25.8
Ages 5-9	4,276	28.4	3,579	27.0
Ages 10-14	4,310	28.6	3,836	28.9
Ages 15-17	2,649	17.6	2,423	18.3
The diversity of Dallas County's children				
White	4,713	31.3	3,356	25.3
African American	10,308	68.4	9,653	72.8
Hispanic			98	0.7
Other races	48	0.3	67	0.5
More than one race			79	0.6
Median family income	$26,628*		$29,906	
All persons living below poverty level	36.2%		31.1%	

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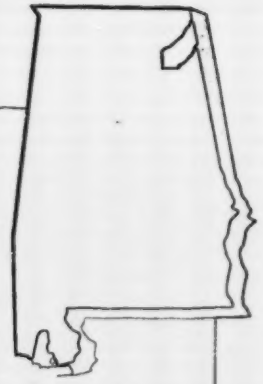
County 17 Ranking



DeKalb County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	54,651		64,452	
County child population	13,890		15,899	
Children as percentage of DeKalb County's population	25.4		24.7	
The children of DeKalb County				
Under age 5	3,362	24.2	4,379	27.5
Ages 5-9	3,804	27.4	4,588	28.9
Ages 10-14	4,138	29.8	4,269	26.9
Ages 15-17	2,603	18.7	2,663	16.7
The diversity of DeKalb County's children				
White	13,275	95.6	13,870	87.2
African American	305	2.2	322	2.0
Hispanic			1,292	8.1
Other races	310	2.2	180	1.1
More than one race			235	1.5
Median family income	$32,234*		$35,801	
All persons living below poverty level	17.4%		15.4%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	9	6.4	9.9	12	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	54	85	6.9	9.3	23	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	442	513	55.3	56.3	47	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	44	80	5.6	8.8	14	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	24	59	2.7	6.6	15		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	166	163	6.6	6.1	55	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	217	178	24.4	22.8	55	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	4	37.5	32.5	36	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	156	5.8	9.7	33	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	9	244.1	129.8	20	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	43	71	637.9	1,024.2	36	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	29.7	0.0	7	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	8	29.7	115.4	3	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	6	118.2	135.5	57	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	51	9.1	13.3	26	W	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	472	288	3.0	1.6	11	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,598	2,884	18.9	18.6	18		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,412	2,200	17.5	24.4	10		203,931	32.8

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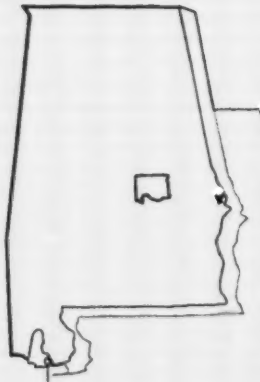
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	10	11.9	10.2	30	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	90	90	10.7	9.2	27	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	451	564	56.4	57.4	14	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	91	85	10.8	8.7	25	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	75	36	6.9	4.0	10		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	53	175	1.8	5.5	40	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	212	7.2	20.6	42	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	5	50.3	38.0	49	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	163	79	12.5	4.6	7	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	11	58	187.9	748.1	56	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	100	220.4	1,289.8	50	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	6	17.0	77.4	34	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	37	508.6	477.2	43	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	78.1	44.0	29	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	48	41	14.2	10.4	23	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	839	211	5.8	1.1	9	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,418	2,356	18.8	14.2	6		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,537	2,444	22.6	26.4	16		203,931	32.8



County 16 Ranking

Elmore County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	49,210		65,874	
County child population	13,009		16,924	
Children as percentage of Elmore County's population	26.4		25.7	
The children of Elmore County				
Under age 5	3,327	25.6	4,370	25.8
Ages 5-9	3,566	27.4	4,801	28.4
Ages 10-14	3,614	27.8	4,882	28.8
Ages 15-17	2,285	17.6	2,871	17.0
The diversity of Elmore County's children				
White	9,452	72.7	12,541	74.1
African American	3,433	26.4	3,708	21.9
Hispanic			279	1.6
Other races	124	1.0	160	0.9
More than one race			236	1.4
Median family income	$40,043*		$47,155	
All persons living below poverty level	14.5%		10.2%	

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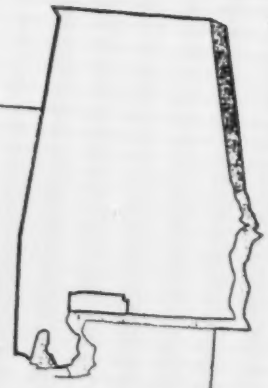
County 52 Ranking

Escambia County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	35,518		38,440	
County child population	9,488		9,270	
Children as percentage of Escambia County's population	26.7		24.1	
The children of Escambia County				
Under age 5	2,306	24.3	2,390	25.8
Ages 5-9	2,548	26.9	2,662	28.7
Ages 10-14	2,826	29.8	2,614	28.2
Ages 15-17	1,787	18.8	1,604	17.3
The diversity of Escambia County's children				
White	5,871	61.9	5,357	57.8
African American	3,168	33.4	3,248	35.0
Hispanic			118	1.3
Other races	449	4.7	399	4.3
More than one race			148	1.6
Median family income	$29,667*		$36,086	
All persons living below poverty level	28.1%		20.9%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	5	11.4	9.2	57	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	40	63	7.6	11.6	47	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	252	295	54.5	54.5	51	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	86	83	16.4	15.3	48	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	49	7.5	9.4	50		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	128	67	7.0	4.1	27	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	137	78	25.0	15.2	26	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	41.2	27.9	27	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	229	27	24.5	2.9	11	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	13	22.5	308.2	34	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	1	346.8	23.7	4	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	8	0.0	189.7	53	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	7	476.9	166.0	6	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	3	166.7	109.1	22	I	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	44	19.3	19.7	54	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	877	157	8.3	1.5	18	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,563	2,241	37.9	24.7	41		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,455	1,817	29.0	35.2	46		203,931	32.8

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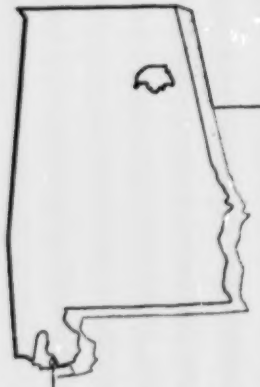
INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	19	11	14.1	8.0	24	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	110	111	8.2	8.0	21	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	737	833	55.4	60.3	15	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	126	133	9.4	9.6	32	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	95	4.8	7.3	34		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	245	242	5.2	5.5	48	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	273	245	19.4	20.3	48	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	4	42.4	21.1	10	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	565	266	23.3	10.8	55	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	15	25.8	132.3	21	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	33	84	275.5	740.9	24	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	17.6	28	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	64	44	534.4	388.1	30	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	4	51.1	56.0	27	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	96	73	15.7	12.9	30	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,359	404	4.9	1.5	14	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	4,939	5,175	20.5	21.6	31		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,320	4,316	23.7	31.2	33		203,931	32.8



County 22 Ranking

Etowah County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	99,840		103,459	
County child population	24,517		24,654	
Children as percentage of Etowah County's population	24.6		23.8	
The children of Etowah County				
Under age 5	5,973	24.4	6,611	26.8
Ages 5-9	6,639	27.1	6,705	27.2
Ages 10-14	7,223	29.5	6,930	28.1
Ages 15-17	4,754	19.4	4,408	17.9
The diversity of Etowah County's children				
White	19,785	80.7	18,606	75.5
African American	4,466	18.2	4,861	19.7
Hispanic			654	2.7
Other races	266	1.1	201	0.8
More than one race			332	1.3
Median family income	$35,134*		$38,697	
All persons living below poverty level	16.5%		15.7%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 23 Ranking

Fayette County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	17,962		18,495	
County child population	4,560		4,424	
Children as percentage of Fayette County's population	25.4		23.9	
The children of Fayette County				
Under age 5	1,099	24.1	1,113	25.2
Ages 5-9	1,259	27.6	1,201	27.1
Ages 10-14	1,378	30.2	1,260	28.5
Ages 15-17	866	19.0	850	19.2
The diversity of Fayette County's children				
White	3,861	84.7	3,694	83.5
African American	658	14.4	633	14.3
Hispanic			48	1.1
Other races	41	0.9	15	0.3
More than one race			34	0.8
Median family income	$33,747*		$35,291	
All persons living below poverty level	20.3%		17.3%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	2	31.0	8.5	19	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	34	22	13.2	9.4	20	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	122	125	56.5	53.4	53	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	19	20	7.4	8.5	10	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	26	29	11.6	12.9	52		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	57	30	6.9	3.8	52	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	57	31	25.6	14.6	52	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	28.2	59.2	55	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	70	42	15.3	9.6	50	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	13	858.5	616.1	60	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	39	32	1,738.0	1,516.6	64	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	94.8	44	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	6	222.8	284.4	10	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	136.9	222.2	48	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	9	19.6	9.8	11	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	327	177	6.3	3.6	45	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,009	920	22.5	21.1	28		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	502	670	19.5	26.5	18		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	10.4	9.0	17	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	30	31	7.8	7.0	5	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	220	245	56.1	54.9	45	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	25	28	6.5	6.3	6	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	35	12.1	7.6	53		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	22	56	1.4	3.7	14	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	62	5.5	14.4	13	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	5	18.6	84.3	66	W	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	52	93	7.6	12.3	23	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	17	20	538.0	574.4	50	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	82	57	2,540.3	1,637.0	59	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	1	62.0	28.7	17	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	16	12	495.7	344.6	34	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	2	243.1	91.8	54	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	15	9.1	8.2	4	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	383	174	5.0	2.1	29	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,629	1,827	23.9	24.6	40		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	735	1,088	18.3	25.0	13		203,931	32.8

County 10 Ranking

Franklin County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,814		31,223	
County child population	6,875		7,645	
Children as percentage of Franklin County's population	24.7		24.5	
The children of Franklin County				
Under age 5	1,795	26.1	1,983	25.9
Ages 5-9	1,881	27.4	2,180	28.5
Ages 10-14	2,005	29.2	2,156	28.2
Ages 15-17	1,223	17.8	1,326	17.3
The diversity of Franklin County's children				
White	6,412	93.3	6,304	82.5
African American	401	5.8	391	5.1
Hispanic			829	10.8
Other races	62	0.9	39	0.5
More than one race			82	1.1
Median family income	$29,533*		$34,274	
All persons living below poverty level	20.7%		18.9%	

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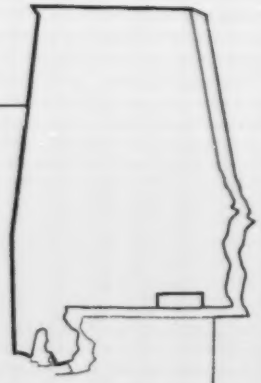
County 36 Ranking



Geneva County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	23,647		25,764	
County child population	5,912		6,183	
Children as percentage of Geneva County's population	25.0		24.0	
The children of Geneva County				
Under age 5	1,516	25.6	1,437	23.2
Ages 5-9	1,599	27.0	1,668	27.0
Ages 10-14	1,675	28.3	1,928	31.2
Ages 15-17	1,100	18.6	1,150	18.6
The diversity of Geneva County's children				
White	4,853	82.1	5,028	81.3
African American	1,005	17.0	864	14.0
Hispanic			168	2.7
Other races	54	0.9	70	1.1
More than one race			53	0.9
Median family income	$32,432*		$32,563	
All persons living below poverty level	19.5%		19.6%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	3	5.9	10.1	52	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	34	9.7	11.4	29	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	153	155	47.8	52.2	30	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	39	27	11.5	9.1	27	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	33	11.0	9.2	36		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	76	47	6.1	4.0	36	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	78	54	21.9	15.2	35	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	21.9	21.1	61	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	340	112	57.3	18.3	61	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	5	292.0	162.4	33	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	15	25	540.5	812.2	42	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	24	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	20	432.4	649.8	55	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	214.7	169.2	65	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	20	20	13.9	17.5	38	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	462	124	7.0	1.8	20	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,278	1,657	21.8	27.2	48		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	702	991	21.3	28.2	27		203,931	32.8

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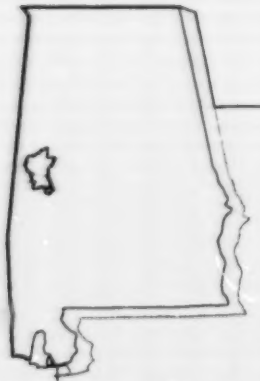
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	2	16.2	13.8	59	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	19	22	10.3	15.2	65	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	82	66	45.3	45.5	67	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	37	30	20.0	20.7	67	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	30	5	15.4	3.3	27		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	13	27	2.0	6.0	56	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	15	30	8.0	21.6	56	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	38.2	44.7	67	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	117	30	35.3	10.4	58	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	0	199.3	0.0	8	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	1	63.9	76.3	2	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	76.3	13	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	27	27	1,724.1	2,059.5	64	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	114.5	8	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	13	32.1	22.8	62	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	780	141	21.2	4.4	53	↓	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,952	1,278	58.3	44.1	63		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	730	867	49.0	57.0	65		203,931	32.8



County 66 Ranking

Greene County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	10,153		9,974	
County child population	3,397		2,911	
Children as percentage of Greene County's population	33.5		29.2	
The children of Greene County				
Under age 5	787	23.2	770	26.5
Ages 5-9	989	29.1	830	28.5
Ages 10-14	1,001	29.5	777	26.7
Ages 15-17	565	16.6	534	18.3
The diversity of Greene County's children				
White	353	10.4	326	11.2
African American	3,043	89.6	2,543	87.4
Hispanic			26	0.9
Other races	1	0.0	11	0.4
More than one race			5	0.2
Median family income	$20,328*		$24,604	
All persons living below poverty level	45.6%		34.3%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 55 Ranking

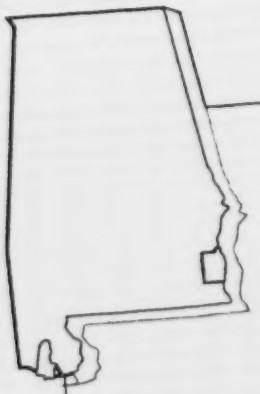
Hale County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	15,498		17,185	
County child population	4,862		5,087	
Children as percentage of Hale County's population	31.4		29.6	
The children of Hale County				
Under age 5	1,233	25.4	1,408	27.7
Ages 5-9	1,333	27.4	1,376	27.0
Ages 10-14	1,466	30.2	1,453	28.6
Ages 15-17	850	17.5	850	16.7
The diversity of Hale County's children				
White	1,464	30.1	1,581	31.1
African American	3,365	69.2	3,395	66.7
Hispanic			43	0.8
Other races	33	0.7	29	0.6
More than one race			39	0.8
Median family income	$23,715*		$31,875	
All persons living below poverty level	35.6%		26.9%	

Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER Base Year	NUMBER Current Year	RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	5	12.8	18.5	9	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	22	35	9.4	13.0	62	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	138	153	56.3	56.7	62	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	40	39	17.0	14.4	51	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	26	10.8	9.6	60		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	36	38	3.7	4.0	21	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	43	46	14.0	16.1	23	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	52.2	0.0	39	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	133	17	27.1	3.3	8	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	90.8	0.0	5	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	4	43.2	173.7	7	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	86.4	0.0	11	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	21	215.9	911.9	61	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	5	0.0	361.5	67	W	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	14	32.4	15.9	42	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	607	196	11.3	3.5	44	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,254	1,691	46.8	34.0	55		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	926	1,209	40.9	45.3	59		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	3	9.3	14.0	60	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	14	23	6.5	10.7	40	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	110	132	49.3	61.7	6	↓	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	35	24	16.4	11.2	28	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	54	65	9.9	10.9	55		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	122	89	7.4	5.4	57	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	147	109	27.4	20.8	58	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	31.6	33.3	18	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	50	20	12.2	5.1	1	↓	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	3	988.2	163.0	43	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	14	16	696.5	869.1	41	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	25	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	6	99.5	325.9	27	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	78.2	0.0	3	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	8	15.4	9.2	21	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	344	200	7.5	4.6	54	↓	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	850	1,055	21.0	27.0	46		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	610	762	28.3	33.8	39		203,931	32.8



County 37 Ranking

Henry County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	15,374		16,310	
County child population	4,132		3,925	
Children as percentage of Henry County's population	26.9		24.1	
The children of Henry County				
Under age 5	1,008	24.4	1,019	26.0
Ages 5-9	1,083	26.2	1,065	27.1
Ages 10-14	1,241	30.0	1,106	28.2
Ages 15-17	769	18.6	735	18.7
The diversity of Henry County's children				
White	2,267	54.9	2,208	56.3
African American	1,855	44.9	1,570	40.0
Hispanic	10	0.2	77	2.0
Other races			16	0.4
More than one race			54	1.4
Median family income	$35,761*		$36,555	
All persons living below poverty level	17.4%		19.1%	

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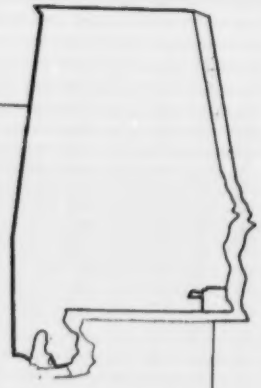
County 30 Ranking



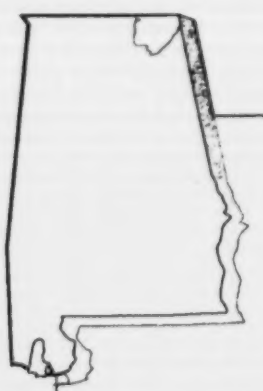
Houston County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	81,331		88,787	
County child population	22,574		22,986	
Children as percentage of Houston County's population	27.8		25.9	
The children of Houston County				
Under age 5	5,985	26.5	6,037	26.3
Ages 5-9	6,220	27.6	6,313	27.5
Ages 10-14	6,342	28.1	6,661	29.0
Ages 15-17	3,926	17.4	3,975	17.3
The diversity of Houston County's children				
White	15,501	68.7	14,879	64.7
African American	6,920	30.7	7,181	31.2
Hispanic			403	1.8
Other races	153	0.7	259	1.1
More than one race			264	1.1
Median family income	$38,700*		$42,437	
All persons living below poverty level	16.5%		15.0%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	12	9.3	8.6	33	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	110	118	8.5	8.5	32	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	679	828	56.7	59.5	8	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	142	137	11.0	9.8	34	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	138	82	10.6	7.1	45		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	215	217	4.9	5.1	51	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	248	236	17.9	19.1	51	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	2	39.9	11.3	21	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	574	171	25.6	7.4	42	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	64	116	642.3	1,090.6	63	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	101	176	983.6	1,654.8	53	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	24	26	233.7	244.5	60	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	63	67	613.6	629.9	49	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	47.1	16.3	33	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	97	74	18.3	13.5	35	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,573	524	6.3	2.1	27	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	4,813	4,782	21.7	21.1	28		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,334	4,368	27.5	34.0	40		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	5	2.8	7.6	15	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	61	53	8.7	8.1	12	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	322	363	50.7	55.3	46	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	55	56	7.8	8.5	15	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	43	2.6	6.3	19		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	173	93	6.3	3.9	44	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	193	107	23.0	14.6	43	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	31.7	30.0	16	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	138	15.7	10.5	43	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	23	2	398.9	33.3	9	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	149	82	2,471.4	1,365.5	55	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	0	49.8	0.0	1	I	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	33	27	547.4	449.6	37	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	52.3	81.4	30	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	30	10.1	11.3	17	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	502	159	3.7	1.1	6	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,226	2,178	18.3	17.2	14		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,272	1,942	17.7	26.0	15		203,931	32.8



County 14 Ranking

Jackson County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	47,796		53,926	
County child population	12,351		13,036	
Children as percentage of Jackson County's population	25.8		24.2	
The children of Jackson County				
Under age 5	2,986	24.2	3,387	26.0
Ages 5-9	3,299	26.7	3,644	28.0
Ages 10-14	3,680	29.8	3,655	28.0
Ages 15-17	2,349	19.0	2,350	18.0
The diversity of Jackson County's children				
White	11,060	89.5	11,551	88.6
African American	653	5.3	596	4.6
Hispanic			223	1.7
Other races	638	5.2	302	2.3
More than one race			364	2.8
Median family income	$33,448*		$38,082	
All persons living below poverty level	16.6%		13.7%	

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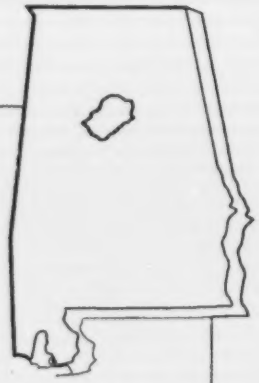
County 39 Ranking



Jefferson County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	651,525		662,047	
County child population	162,497		164,240	
Children as percentage of Jefferson County's population	24.9		24.8	
The children of Jefferson County				
Under age 5	44,919	27.6	43,281	26.4
Ages 5-9	45,910	28.3	45,809	27.9
Ages 10-14	45,366	27.9	47,066	28.7
Ages 15-17	26,393	16.2	28,084	17.1
The diversity of Jefferson County's children				
White	89,819	55.3	79,472	48.4
African American	71,117	43.8	78,330	47.7
Hispanic			2,888	1.8
Other races	1,561	1.0	1,874	1.1
More than one race			1676	1.0
Median family income	$41,024*		$45,951	
All persons living below poverty level	16.0%		14.8%	

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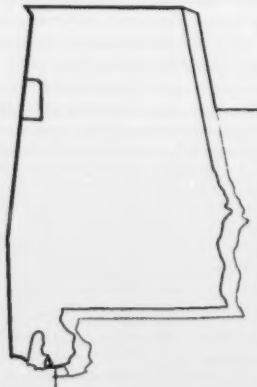
Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	119	113	11.7	11.8	55	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	956	1,001	9.4	10.5	46	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	5,523	6,087	59.1	63.6	5	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	1,167	1143	11.5	11.9	39	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	705	342	7.7	4.1	8		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	1,850	941	5.8	3.0	11	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	2,242	1,072	21.0	11.5	10	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	51	28	39.6	22.0	30	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,912	824	11.9	5.0	18	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	280	443	395.4	589.5	53	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	432	387	602.0	515.0	19	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	173	144	241.1	191.6	61	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	582	394	811.0	524.3	56	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	57	23	126.8	49.9	32	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	744	546	18.0	13.8	39	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	17,125	6,939	9.4	3.8	48	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	35,345	32,576	22.1	20.2	25		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	28,764	34,523	32.0	37.9	48		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	1	19.7	4.9	64	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	11	19	5.4	9.4	34	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	101	127	50.5	62.6	11	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	20	14	9.9	6.9	4	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	17	7.6	8.2	22		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	40	22	4.4	2.8	6	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	41	24	16.5	11.0	6	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	1	65.2	34.9	62	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	80	35	20.3	9.5	15	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	9	257.9	498.1	37	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	8	51.6	442.7	25	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	80.2	87.1	40	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	9	10.0	9.5	3	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	146	72	3.3	1.8	23	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	766	706	19.5	19.1	20		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	429	589	19.1	26.8	21		203,931	32.8



County 19 Ranking

Lamar County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	15,715		15,904	
County child population	3,987		3,750	
Children as percentage of Lamar County's population	25.4		23.6	
The children of Lamar County				
Under age 5	999	25.1	926	24.7
Ages 5-9	1,052	26.4	1,017	27.1
Ages 10-14	1,191	29.9	1,101	29.4
Ages 15-17	748	18.8	706	18.8
The diversity of Lamar County's children				
White	3,373	84.6	3,086	82.3
African American	607	15.2	567	15.1
Hispanic			62	1.7
Other races	7	0.2	2	0.1
More than one race			33	0.9
Median family income	$33,103*		$33,050	
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%		16.1%	

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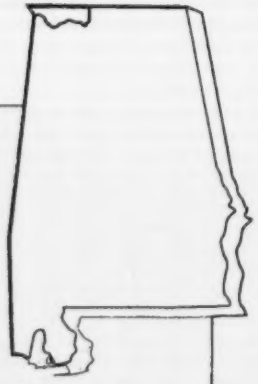
County 4 Ranking



Lauderdale County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	79,661		87,966	
County child population	19,068		20,267	
Children as percentage of Lauderdale County's population	23.9		23.0	
The children of Lauderdale County				
Under age 5	5,096	26.7	5,217	25.7
Ages 5-9	5,328	27.9	5,617	27.7
Ages 10-14	5,318	27.9	5,910	29.2
Ages 15-17	3,339	17.5	3,523	17.4
The diversity of Lauderdale County's children				
White	16,483	86.4	17,030	84.0
African American	2,418	12.7	2,545	12.6
Hispanic			303	1.5
Other races	167	0.9	166	0.8
More than one race			223	1.1
Median family income	$38,402*		$41,437	
All persons living below poverty level	14.9%		14.4%	

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	4	6.6	4.0	4	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	75	91	7.0	9.1	38	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	669	643	62.4	64.6	3	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	82	85	7.7	8.5	12	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	46	5.5	4.6	2		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	199	138	5.0	3.6	15	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	229	148	18.5	13.9	15	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	6	33.7	38.2	19	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	331	181	17.4	9.0	24	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	38	87	430.2	922.3	59	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	156	439.0	1,653.8	63	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	12	104.0	127.2	45	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	53	369.6	561.9	42	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	65.8	48.3	31	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	60	49	11.8	11.6	14	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	788	186	3.6	0.8	5	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,516	3,691	18.6	18.5	17		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,242	3,135	20.4	26.6	19		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	7.8	4.6	10	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	31	6.4	7.1	33	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	266	237	56.4	54.6	40	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	48	51	9.3	11.8	30	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	35	27	7.1	5.6	7		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	73	57	4.4	3.4	9	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	79	66	17.0	12.9	8	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	15.0	28.7	44	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	187	112	21.6	12.5	60	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	5	0.0	119.5	13	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	40	296.5	956.3	45	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	31	469.5	741.1	62	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	38.3	0.0	7	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	26	34	12.9	17.1	27	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	524	167	5.4	1.7	22	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,198	1,490	25.9	16.8	13		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	942	1,278	19.5	24.7	12		203,931	32.8

County 18 Ranking

Lawrence County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	31,513		34,803	
County child population	8,618		8,940	
Children as percentage of Lawrence County's population	27.3		25.7	
The children of Lawrence County				
Under age 5	2,293	26.6	2,201	24.6
Ages 5-9	2,299	26.7	2,556	28.6
Ages 10-14	2,479	28.8	2,628	29.4
Ages 15-17	1,568	18.2	1,555	17.4
The diversity of Lawrence County's children				
White	5,835	67.7	6,408	71.7
African American	1,760	20.4	1,373	15.4
Hispanic			120	1.3
Other races	1,023	11.9	657	7.3
More than one race			382	4.3
Median family income	$33,067*		$38,565	
All persons living below poverty level	19.8%		15.3%	

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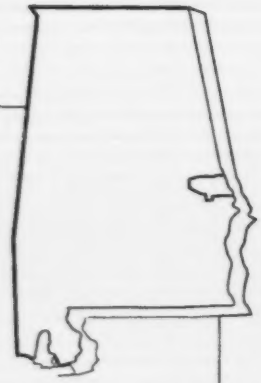
County 15 Ranking



Lee County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	87,146		115,092	
County child population	19,274		26,802	
Children as percentage of Lee County's population	22.1		23.3	
The children of Lee County				
Under age 5	5,409	28.1	7,195	26.8
Ages 5-9	5,229	27.1	7,655	28.6
Ages 10-14	5,289	27.4	7,603	28.4
Ages 15-17	3,161	16.4	4,349	16.2
The diversity of Lee County's children				
White	12,216	63.4	17,412	65.0
African American	6,662	34.6	8,061	30.1
Hispanic			488	1.8
Other races	396	2.1	501	1.9
More than one race			340	1.3
Median family income	$42,305*		$46,781	
All persons living below poverty level	24.9%		21.8%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	14	15	10.8	10.6	42	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	110	125	8.5	8.9	14	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	866	900	62.6	63.7	4	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	154	130	11.9	9.2	22	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	81	71	5.6	4.9	4		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	259	100	6.1	2.0	2	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	337	123	22.5	8.4	2	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	2	53.5	9.5	28	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	374	196	19.6	7.2	21	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	48	69	407.4	577.3	52	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	97	130	1,147.9	1,087.7	43	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	38	82.8	317.9	65	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	41	85	485.2	711.2	51	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	51.2	34.0	2	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	84	65	13.1	11.1	16	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,135	462	4.4	1.3	15	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,796	4,309	20.1	16.3	12		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,877	4,704	27.4	31.7	34		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	4	8.8	4.2	2	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	61	83	7.7	8.7	10	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	493	580	59.8	61.0	12	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	48	99	6.0	10.4	17	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	56	69	6.1	7.7	32		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	197	180	7.0	6.4	60	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	211	183	25.3	23.1	60	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	28.1	7.8	32	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	119	153	8.7	9.2	32	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	20	52	327.0	707.1	47	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	27	42	438.5	571.1	16	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	10	16.2	136.0	31	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	24	97.4	326.4	15	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	50.5	69.6	37	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	56	12.4	14.7	25	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	636	170	4.1	0.9	13	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,035	2,609	15.0	16.2	11		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,432	2,181	18.3	23.6	7		203,931	32.8

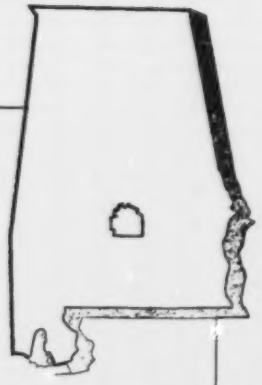
County 5 Ranking

Limestone County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	54,135		65,676	
County child population	13,654		16,341	
Children as percentage of Limestone County's population	25.2		24.9	
The children of Limestone County				
Under age 5	3,691	27.0	4,349	26.6
Ages 5-9	3,757	27.5	4,638	28.4
Ages 10-14	3,812	27.9	4,628	28.3
Ages 15-17	2,346	17.2	2,726	16.7
The diversity of Limestone County's children				
White	11,635	85.2	13,110	80.2
African American	1,902	13.9	2,162	13.2
Hispanic			699	4.3
Other races	117	0.9	154	0.9
More than one race			216	1.3
Median family income	$41,193*		$45,146	
All persons living below poverty level	14.0%		12.3%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 60 Ranking



Lowndes County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	12,658		13,473	
County child population	4,431		4,068	
Children as percentage of Lowndes County's population	35.0		30.2	
The children of Lowndes County				
Under age 5	1,142	25.8	1,004	24.7
Ages 5-9	1,218	27.5	1,047	25.7
Ages 10-14	1,275	28.8	1,270	31.2
Ages 15-17	760	17.2	747	18.4
The diversity of Lowndes County's children				
White	694	15.7	709	17.4
African American	3,726	84.1	3,303	81.2
Hispanic			33	0.8
Other races	11	0.2	7	0.2
More than one race			16	0.4
Median family income	$24,056*		$28,935	
All persons living below poverty level	38.6%		31.4%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	21.8	8.9	62	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	36	29	13.1	12.9	64	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	96	137	46.2	60.9	25	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	57	19.3	25.3	65	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	21	17.0	10.7	67		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	51	20	6.0	2.7	26	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	62	29	23.4	11.8	32	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	1	205.2	32.0	65	—	235	26.9
Children with indication abuse or neglect	54	18	12.4	4.4	2	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	1	51.1	49.6	6	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	5	0.0	247.9	11	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	49.6	40	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	18	10	884.5	495.8	65	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	19	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	25	23.4	25.8	64	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,100	270	22.5	6.0	59	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,305	1,667	52.6	41.7	61		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	912	1,071	47.6	50.9	60		203,931	32.8

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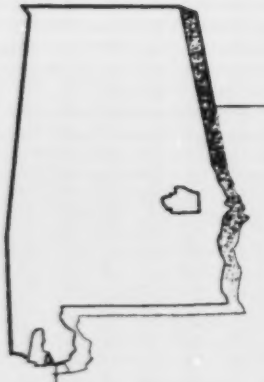
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	3	18.6	9.5	53	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	67	33	15.6	10.5	57	I	6,154	9.7
Child health index	185	179	52.6	56.8	55	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	95	53	22.1	16.8	61	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	22	8.2	7.1	12		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	35	38	3.0	3.8	22	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	43	50	12.0	14.2	22	--	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	19.9	0.0	53	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	158	22	24.5	3.6	4	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	3	25.8	107.1	25	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	4	321.5	142.8	9	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	32.2	71.4	39	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	22	675.2	785.2	63	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	31.5	41.0	5	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	20	27.3	16.8	61	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,536	486	17.9	6.5	64	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,892	2,596	45.1	43.8	62		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,639	1,834	51.3	59.2	66		203,931	32.8



County 62 Ranking

Macon County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	24,928		24,105	
County child population	6,620		6,081	
Children as percentage of Macon County's population	26.6		25.2	
The children of Macon County				
Under age 5	1,794	27.1	1,565	25.7
Ages 5-9	1,738	26.3	1,714	28.2
Ages 10-14	1,820	27.5	1,801	29.6
Ages 15-17	1,290	19.5	1,001	16.5
The diversity of Macon County's children				
White	649	9.8	614	10.1
African American	5,968	90.2	5,343	87.9
Hispanic			50	0.8
Other races	3	0.0	22	0.4
More than one race			52	0.9
Median family income	$26,082*		$28,511	
All persons living below poverty level	34.5%		32.8%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 3 Ranking

Madison County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	238,912		276,700	
County child population	58,845		70,787	
Children as percentage of Madison County's population	24.6		25.6	
The children of Madison County				
Under age 5	17,462	29.7	18,800	26.6
Ages 5-9	16,650	28.3	20,194	28.5
Ages 10-14	15,485	26.3	20,298	28.7
Ages 15-17	9,158	15.6	11,495	16.2
The diversity of Madison County's children				
White	42,391	72.0	46,566	65.8
African American	14,750	25.1	18,455	26.1
Hispanic			1,786	2.5
Other races	1,704	2.9	2,005	2.8
More than one race			1975	2.8
Median family income	$50,959*		$54,360	
All persons living below poverty level	10.9%		10.5%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	38	21	9.4	5.6	8	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	263	333	6.5	8.9	17	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	2,523	2,472	64.3	65.8	2	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	366	321	9.1	8.6	16	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	148	206	3.9	5.8	6		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	762	318	6.7	2.5	4	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	850	383	23.9	9.7	4	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	14	16	30.1	28.7	40	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	603	518	10.1	7.2	19	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	62	195	239.9	613.3	58	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	140	311	568.1	978.2	44	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	33	46	133.9	144.7	56	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	99	189	401.7	594.5	46	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	11	14	63.5	70.5	24	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	186	174	10.8	11.3	12	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,651	1,530	5.4	1.9	26	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	8,457	9,824	14.6	14.1	5		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	7,566	11,311	22.8	28.9	29		203,931	32.8

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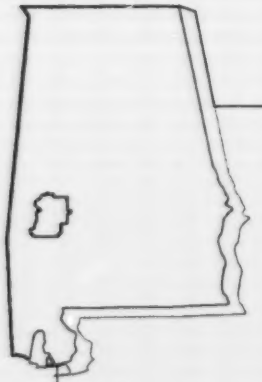
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	5	20.9	14.2	56	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	50	42	11.6	11.9	66	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	211	171	58.0	48.4	60	W	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	72	50	16.7	14.2	55	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	67	48	15.0	11.0	63		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	33	38	2.3	3.1	8	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	36	42	9.0	12.1	9	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	20.0	14	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	84	45	12.2	7.1	28	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	6	63.9	197.0	15	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	24	361.9	787.9	39	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	9	60.3	295.5	49	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	17	361.9	558.1	44	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	149.6	0.0	16	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	44	15	27.5	11.3	17	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	968	253	12.6	3.6	56	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,738	2,150	39.5	33.7	54		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,164	1,426	33.8	41.5	54		203,931	32.8



County 58 Ranking

Marengo County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	23,084		22,539	
County child population	7,015		6,422	
Children as percentage of Marengo County's population	30.4		28.5	
The children of Marengo County				
Under age 5	1,800	25.7	1,524	23.7
Ages 5-9	1,877	26.8	1,852	28.8
Ages 10-14	2,035	29.0	1,902	29.6
Ages 15-17	1,281	18.3	1,144	17.8
The diversity of Marengo County's children				
White	2,829	40.3	2,391	37.2
African American	4,178	59.6	3,898	60.7
Hispanic			74	1.2
Other races	8	0.1	28	0.4
More than one race			31	0.5
Median family income	$29,870*		$35,475	
All persons living below poverty level	30.0%		25.9%	

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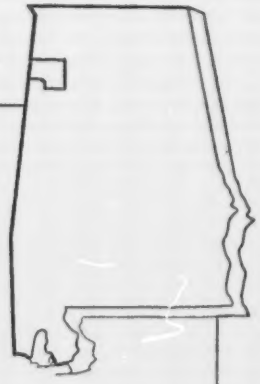
County 12 Ranking



Marion County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	29,830		31,214	
County child population	7,364		7,038	
Children as percentage of Marion County's population	24.7		22.5	
The children of Marion County				
Under age 5	1,887	25.6	1,876	26.7
Ages 5-9	1,990	27.0	1,903	27.0
Ages 10-14	2,059	28.0	2,060	29.3
Ages 15-17	1,386	18.8	1,199	17.0
The diversity of Marion County's children				
White	7,044	95.7	6,560	93.2
African American	252	3.4	245	3.5
Hispanic			128	1.8
Other races	68	0.9	38	0.5
More than one race			67	1.0
Median family income	$29,064*		$34,359	
All persons living below poverty level	19.1%		15.6%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	14.2	7.9	39	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	22	29	6.3	7.7	3	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	204	202	55.4	53.4	33	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	16	28	4.5	7.4	9	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	30	2.1	7.3	29		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	60	69	3.9	4.9	39	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	78	14.8	17.8	39	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	17.8	36.6	59	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	219	89	30.7	12.9	57	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	9	88.9	276.2	49	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	19	46	551.5	1,411.5	58	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	61.4	18	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	7	174.2	214.8	24	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	5	85.2	249.5	61	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	17	13.3	9.2	5	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	321	120	3.9	1.6	8	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,515	1,305	20.9	18.8	19		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	781	1,007	18.2	24.1	8		203,931	32.8

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	10	12.0	8.6	28	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	83	90	8.3	7.7	11	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	594	604	54.7	51.7	50	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	67	128	6.7	10.9	24	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	55	3.2	5.7	9		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	225	177	7.7	5.6	59	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	258	211	27.0	21.1	59	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	11	5	81.6	31.4	48	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	364	423	20.9	20.7	65	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	53	200.9	584.6	55	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	47	84	579.4	926.5	30	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	4	37.0	44.1	23	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	37	28	456.1	308.8	29	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	8	9	149.8	161.7	51	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	63	75	12.5	15.7	33	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	958	333	4.9	1.5	19	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,441	3,579	19.9	17.9	15		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,118	3,112	20.6	27.0	22		203,931	32.8

County 21 Ranking

Marshall County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	70,832		82,231	
County child population	17,529		20,437	
Children as percentage of Marshall County's population	24.7		24.9	
The children of Marshall County				
Under age 5	4,583	26.1	5,503	26.9
Ages 5-9	4,771	27.2	5,868	28.7
Ages 10-14	4,884	27.9	5,599	27.4
Ages 15-17	3,228	18.4	3,467	17.0
The diversity of Marshall County's children				
White	17,086	97.5	17,846	87.3
African American	309	1.8	411	2.0
Hispanic			1,761	8.6
Other races	134	0.8	185	0.9
More than one race			234	1.1
Median family income	$33,920*		$38,788	
All persons living below poverty level	17.2%		14.7%	

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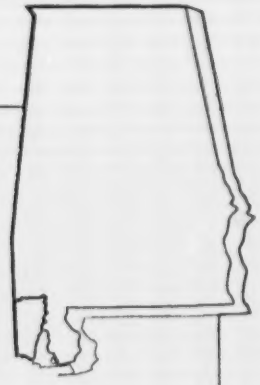
County 50 Ranking



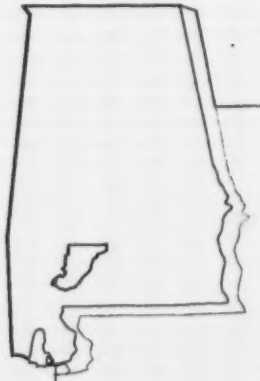
Mobile County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	378,643		399,843	
County child population	107,799		109,881	
Children as percentage of Mobile County's population	28.5		27.5	
The children of Mobile County				
Under age 5	29,633	27.5	29,334	26.7
Ages 5-9	30,316	28.1	31,175	28.4
Ages 10-14	30,384	28.2	30,929	28.1
Ages 15-17	17,700	16.4	18,443	16.8
The diversity of Mobile County's children				
White	63,989	59.4	59,231	53.9
African American	41,827	38.8	45,035	41.0
Hispanic			1,525	1:4
Other races	1,983	1.8	2,649	2.4
More than one race			1441	1.3
Median family income	$35,822*		$40,378	
All persons living below poverty level	21.4%		18.5%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	72	68	10.9	10.7	46	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	550	685	8.3	10.8	49	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	3,516	3,536	53.0	55.6	41	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	872	792	13.2	12.5	42	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	927	726	15.4	12.5	62		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	1,571	890	8.8	5.0	29	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	1,837	1,026	29.0	18.5	28	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	26	31	30.5	36.2	50	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,954	905	18.2	8.2	38	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	155	228	327.8	461.8	46	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	503	652	1,046.1	1,320.6	47	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	207	158	430.5	320.0	66	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	414	477	861.0	966.1	60	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	29	23	97.7	75.4	34	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	613	415	22.7	16.9	48	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	13,363	4,787	11.1	3.9	51	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	32,181	28,361	30.3	26.2	44		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	18,123	22,130	32.2	38.0	49		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	3	19.1	8.5	13	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	42	42	10.0	11.9	52	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	215	190	54.7	54.0	28	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	77	59	18.4	16.8	54	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	19	11.0	4.9	26		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	104	60	6.8	4.7	38	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	120	67	24.3	18.0	38	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	87.8	75.7	35	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	87	59	12.0	8.6	20	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	4	444.0	127.6	23	I	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	33	229.5	1,052.6	21	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	5	114.7	159.5	42	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	9	631.1	287.1	14	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	227.9	51.5	55	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	22	23.8	16.8	47	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	585	173	7.1	2.3	41	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,122	1,846	29.2	27.0	46		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,058	1,299	28.5	34.6	43		203,931	32.8



County 42 Ranking

Monroe County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	23,968		24,324	
County child population	7,382		6,883	
Children as percentage of Monroe County's population	30.8		28.3	
The children of Monroe County				
Under age 5	1,869	25.3	1,827	26.5
Ages 5-9	2,023	27.4	1,921	27.9
Ages 10-14	2,111	28.6	1,905	27.7
Ages 15-17	1,375	18.6	1,230	17.9
The diversity of Monroe County's children				
White	3,725	50.5	3,397	49.4
African American	3,539	47.9	3,252	47.2
Hispanic			62	0.9
Other races	118	1.6	97	1.4
More than one race			75	1.1
Median family income	$34,280*		$34,569	
All persons living below poverty level	22.7%		21.3%	

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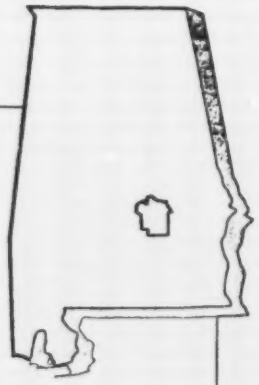
County 48 Ranking



Montgomery County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	209,085		223,510	
County child population	57,655		57,646	
Children as percentage of Montgomery County's population	27.6		25.8	
The children of Montgomery County				
Under age 5	16,119	28.0	15,472	26.8
Ages 5-9	16,150	28.0	16,315	28.3
Ages 10-14	15,564	27.0	16,298	28.3
Ages 15-17	9,551	16.6	9,561	16.6
The diversity of Montgomery County's children				
White	26,746	46.4	21,855	37.9
African American	30,053	52.1	33,528	58.2
Hispanic			793	1.4
Other races	856	1.5	753	1.3
More than one race			717	1.2
Median family income	$41,987*		$44,669	
All persons living below poverty level	17.9%		17.3%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	45	22	11.7	6.0	44	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	346	405	9.0	11.1	48	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	2,051	2,227	58.4	60.9	9	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	587	492	15.2	13.5	46	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	95	228	3.0	8.2	38		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	464	384	5.2	4.6	17	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	564	398	20.3	17.6	18	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	14	14	31.1	31.2	46	—	235	26.9
Children with indication abuse or neglect	786	249	13.8	4.3	3	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	98	82	383.5	317.1	36	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	130	159	517.6	614.9	23	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	99	89	394.2	344.2	67	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	210	149	836.2	576.2	52	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	16	8	92.9	46.4	39	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	307	239	19.9	15.7	45	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	7,798	3,233	11.9	5.0	58	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	14,383	14,123	25.4	25.1	43		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	10,359	13,171	35.0	42.6	56		203,931	32.8

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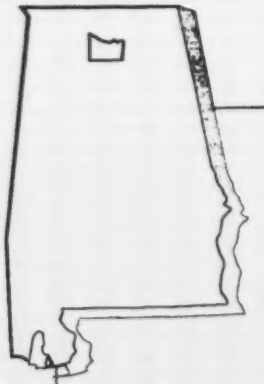
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	11	14	7.4	8.8	40	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	105	151	7.1	9.5	37	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	817	883	56.0	55.7	37	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	123	163	8.3	10.3	26	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	134	85	8.2	5.5	3		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	337	168	6.0	3.1	50	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	366	190	22.0	11.9	49	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	9	29.4	41.0	34	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	523	294	20.0	10.4	41	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	93	51.9	724.6	57	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	180	524.8	1,402.4	48	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	9	0.0	70.1	46	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	24	270.9	187.0	13	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	7	84.0	93.3	56	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	86	95	13.5	14.9	37	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,152	273	4.0	0.9	7	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,668	4,445	14.3	15.9	9		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,105	4,282	21.2	27.1	23		203,931	32.8



County 28 Ranking

Morgan County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	100,043		111,064	
County child population	25,947		28,144	
Children as percentage of Morgan County's population	25.9		25.3	
The children of Morgan County				
Under age 5	6,911	26.6	7,317	26.0
Ages 5-9	7,291	28.1	7,992	28.4
Ages 10-14	7,460	28.8	8,119	28.8
Ages 15-17	4,354	16.8	4,716	16.8
The diversity of Morgan County's children				
White	22,176	85.5	21,942	78.0
African American	3,502	13.5	4,072	14.5
Hispanic			1,286	4.6
Other races	269	1.0	385	1.4
More than one race			459	1.6
Median family income	$42,715*		$45,827	
All persons living below poverty level	12.0%		12.3%	

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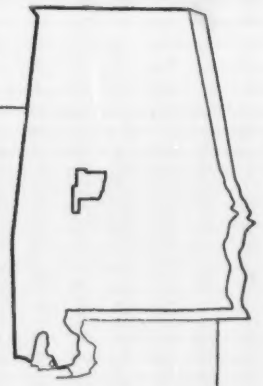
County 63 Ranking



Perry County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	12,759		11,861	
County child population	4,062		3,537	
Children as percentage of Perry County's population	31.8		29.8	
The children of Perry County				
Under age 5	976	24.0	903	25.5
Ages 5-9	1,073	26.4	982	27.8
Ages 10-14	1,190	29.3	988	27.9
Ages 15-17	763	18.8	664	18.8
The diversity of Perry County's children				
White	784	19.3	673	19.0
African American	3,247	79.9	2,814	79.6
Hispanic			30	0.8
Other races	31	0.8	2	0.1
More than one race			18	0.5
Median family income	$21,290*		$26,150	
All persons living below poverty level	42.6%		35.4%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	4	4.5	18.9	27	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	13	33	5.9	15.6	56	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	116	91	50.2	42.9	66	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	50	36	22.7	17.0	62	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	10	16	5.1	7.3	51		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	41	42	5.9	6.8	61	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	52	46	20.5	25.1	62	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	36.9	20	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	63	19	16.4	5.5	25	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	0	144.5	0.0	7	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	21	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	3	51.2	181.6	7	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	85.8	15	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	15	30.5	22.1	66	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,209	250	25.8	6.3	61	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,171	1,688	54.3	48.9	67		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	762	902	44.7	52.9	64		203,931	32.8

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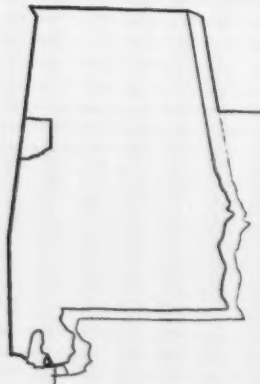
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	2	35.7	6.7	1	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	36	27	10.7	9.1	43	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	162	168	57.9	56.6	19	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	56	46	16.7	15.5	59	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	29	10.2	9.8	47		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	21	59	2.0	5.5	19	W	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	51	7.7	20.9	19	W	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	23.1	6	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	149	39	25.5	6.8	22	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	6	75.8	220.0	22	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	9	109.0	330.0	13	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	36.7	33	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	18	399.6	660.1	45	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	62.7	0.0	1	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	23	25.8	19.2	57	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	766	256	11.8	4.1	57	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,304	1,949	39.0	34.3	56		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,014	1,215	34.8	40.2	51		203,931	32.8



County 47 Ranking

Pickens County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	20,699		20,949	
County child population	5,936		5,711	
Children as percentage of Pickens County's population	28.7		27.3	
The children of Pickens County				
Under age 5	1,463	24.6	1,421	24.9
Ages 5-9	1,678	28.3	1,563	27.4
Ages 10-14	1,764	29.7	1,660	29.1
Ages 15-17	989	16.7	1,067	18.7
The diversity of Pickens County's children				
White	2,668	44.9	2,547	44.6
African American	3,253	54.8	3,044	53.3
Hispanic			52	0.9
Other races	15	0.3	19	0.3
More than one race			49	0.9
Median family income	$29,168*		$32,937	
All persons living below poverty level	28.9%		24.9%	

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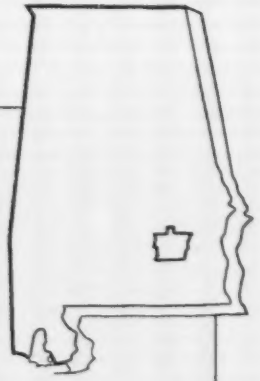
County 49 Ranking



Pike County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	27,595		29,605	
County child population	6,934		7,211	
Children as percentage of Pike County's population	25.1		24.4	
The children of Pike County				
Under age 5	1,843	26.6	1,923	26.7
Ages 5-9	1,873	27.0	1,936	26.8
Ages 10-14	1,888	27.2	2,090	29.0
Ages 15-17	1,262	18.2	1,262	17.5
The diversity of Pike County's children				
White	3,648	52.6	3,588	49.8
African American	3,250	46.9	3,307	45.9
Hispanic			114	1.6
Other races	36	0.5	68	0.9
More than one race			134	1.9
Median family income	$30,805*		$34,132	
All persons living below poverty level	27.2%		23.1%	

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	5	6.7	10.9	43	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	44	35	9.8	7.6	28	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	241	253	52.9	55.2	21	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	81	69	18.1	15.1	56	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	58	9.2	14.8	58		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	61	55	4.4	4.5	54	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	73	59	16.5	16.4	45	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	37.9	0.0	12	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	201	59	29.2	8.3	27	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	18	208.9	537.0	41	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	15	539.7	447.5	18	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	3	158.7	89.5	54	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	36	793.7	1,074.0	66	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	100.8	74.6	12	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	42	30	21.2	16.0	53	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	970	357	11.2	4.2	52	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,062	2,111	30.3	29.9	52		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,289	1,670	35.1	41.7	55		203,931	32.8

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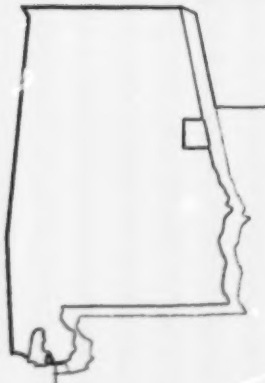
INDICATOR	Number Base Year	Number Current Year	Rate Base Year	Rate Current Year	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	19.2	6.8	25	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	32	10.5	10.9	44	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	164	159	54.5	54.1	38	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	43	11.5	14.6	44	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	38	4.7	12.5	64		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	64	52	6.1	5.1	30	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	54	23.0	19.0	29	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	2	50.1	46.0	56	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	34	17.3	6.0	36	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	8	42.3	318.3	40	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	42	1,232.5	1,671.3	56	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	39.8	10	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	6	328.7	238.8	9	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	19	23.1	15.0	52	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	403	217	7.0	3.4	43	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,187	1,213	23.0	22.1	34		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	652	882	23.3	29.2	31		203,931	32.8



County 41 Ranking

Randolph County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	19,881		22,380	
County child population	5,192		5,620	
Children as percentage of Randolph County's population	26.1		25.1	
The children of Randolph County				
Under age 5	1,272	24.5	1,480	26.3
Ages 5-9	1,479	28.5	1,627	29.0
Ages 10-14	1,468	28.3	1,568	27.9
Ages 15-17	966	18.6	945	16.8
The diversity of Randolph County's children				
White	3,529	68.0	3,880	69.0
African American	1,663	32.0	1,560	27.8
Hispanic			103	1.8
Other races	0	0.0	35	0.6
More than one race			42	0.7
Median family income	$31,141*		$34,684	
All persons living below poverty level	18.9%		17.0%	

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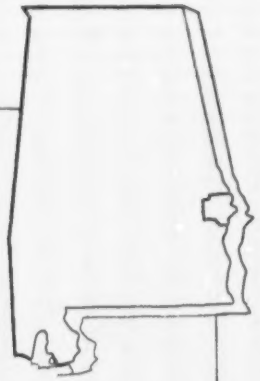
County 53 Ranking



Russell County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	46,860		49,756	
County child population	12,504		13,194	
Children as percentage of Russell County's population	26.7		26.5	
The children of Russell County				
Under age 5	3,536	28.3	3,515	26.6
Ages 5-9	3,408	27.3	3,777	28.6
Ages 10-14	3,381	27.0	3,691	28.0
Ages 15-17	2,155	17.2	2,211	16.8
The diversity of Russell County's children				
White	6,782	54.2	6,360	48.2
African American	5,657	45.2	6,260	47.4
Hispanic			254	1.9
Other races	65	0.5	113	0.9
More than one race			207	1.6
Median family income	$31,982*		$34,004	
All persons living below poverty level	20.4%		19.9%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	15	13.2	22.7	63	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	58	68	8.5	10.3	41	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	373	378	51.4	57.1	27	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	75	102	11.0	15.4	41	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	55	47	6.8	6.2	14		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	194	129	8.5	5.6	62	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	233	162	29.1	20.0	61	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	2	20.6	19.5	38	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	280	165	22.3	12.5	59	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	19	594.5	321.9	38	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	59	307.1	999.7	54	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	10	144.5	169.4	59	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	31	37	560.0	626.9	54	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	3	165.5	85.0	20	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	60	19.1	23.4	49	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,289	632	9.3	4.4	55	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,479	3,435	28.0	26.5	45		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,302	3,125	34.5	43.3	58		203,931	32.8

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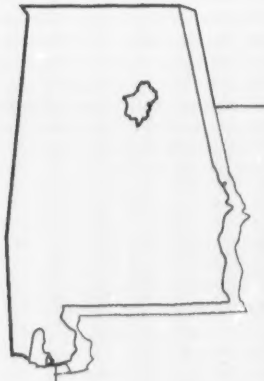
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	8	7.7	9.1	36	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	50	86	6.4	9.8	9	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	425	489	54.7	55.8	23	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	61	62	7.8	7.1	7	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	94	7.2	10.4	40		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	209	152	8.1	5.2	45	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	225	187	28.7	20.0	50	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	19.3	23.4	52	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	259	145	19.2	8.6	51	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	22	33.7	289.2	31	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	30	82.0	394.4	65	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	26.3	16	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	28	32.8	368.1	20	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	4	105.5	93.8	43	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	47	12.5	12.7	7	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	680	347	4.5	1.9	21	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,257	2,461	17.2	15.2	8		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,294	2,136	17.4	23.0	5		203,931	32.8



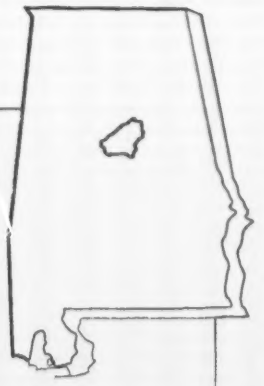
County 13 Ranking

St. Clair County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	50,009		64,742	
County child population	13,331		16,417	
Children as percentage of St. Clair County's population	26.7		25.4	
The children of St. Clair County				
Under age 5	3,602	27.0	4,252	25.9
Ages 5-9	3,611	27.1	4,558	27.8
Ages 10-14	3,769	28.3	4,855	29.6
Ages 15-17	2,328	17.5	2,752	16.8
The diversity of St. Clair County's children				
White	11,973	89.8	14,579	88.8
African American	1,287	9.7	1,348	8.2
Hispanic			220	1.3
Other races	71	0.5	109	0.7
More than one race			161	1.0
Median family income	$35,546*		$43,152	
All persons living below poverty level	14.8%		12.1%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 1 Ranking



Shelby County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	99,358		143,293	
County child population	27,321		37,620	
Children as percentage of Shelby County's population	27.5		26.3	
The children of Shelby County				
Under age 5	7,978	29.2	10,718	28.5
Ages 5-9	7,890	28.9	10,616	28.2
Ages 10-14	7,267	26.6	10,398	27.6
Ages 15-17	4,056	14.8	5,888	15.7
The diversity of Shelby County's children				
White	24,397	89.3	32,677	86.9
African American	2,575	9.4	3,170	8.4
Hispanic			888	2.4
Other races	349	1.3	542	1.4
More than one race			343	0.9
Median family income	$55,223*		$64,105	
All persons living below poverty level	9.2%		6.3%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	21	5.0	9.5	21	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	119	162	6.6	7.3	4	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	1,126	1,516	65.2	68.2	1	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	82	99	4.5	4.5	1	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	69	4.1	4.2	1		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	227	167	4.9	3.1	10	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	257	188	18.3	12.0	12	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	6	18.4	20.3	15	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	288	191	10.4	4.9	9	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	9	0.0	55.3	14	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	206	547.6	1,264.9	34	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	8.8	12.3	12	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	56	282.6	343.9	12	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	14	12	201.0	128.6	45	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	51	6.0	5.2	1	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	673	216	2.2	0.5	1	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,769	2,612	10.3	7.1	1		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,215	3,648	14.6	17.2	1		203,931	32.8

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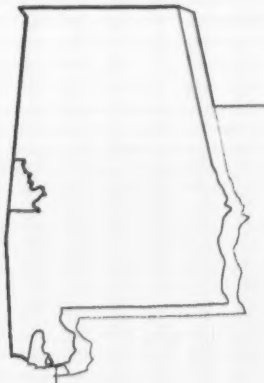
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	5	7.2	22.6	67	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	25	31	9.0	14.0	54	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	112	134	48.9	60.6	56	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	66	42	23.8	19.0	58	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	4	13	1.7	5.9	21		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	46	3	5.1	0.4	12	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	53	3	19.3	1.5	14	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	1	51.5	29.9	60	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	33	23	6.7	5.5	30	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	49.9	19	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	3	41.5	149.6	3	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	2	124.4	99.7	36	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime coun referral rate	6	10	248.8	498.5	36	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	57.1	78.1	52	W	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	18	28.1	20.0	55	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,255	497	21.6	10.5	65	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,433	2,007	49.7	47.4	65		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,070	1,126	45.8	52.3	62		203,931	32.8



County 64 Ranking

Sumter County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	16,174		14,798	
County child population	4,936		4,305	
Children as percentage of Sumter County's population	30.5		29.1	
The children of Sumter County				
Under age 5	1,228	24.9	1,066	24.8
Ages 5-9	1,332	27.0	1,233	28.6
Ages 10-14	1,505	30.5	1,248	29.0
Ages 15-17	907	18.4	758	17.6
The diversity of Sumter County's children				
White	865	17.5	661	15.4
African American	4,065	82.4	3,537	82.2
Hispanic			72	1.7
Other races	6	0.1	9	0.2
More than one race			26	0.6
Median family income	$23,207*		$23,176	
All persons living below poverty level	39.7%		38.7%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 54 Ranking

Talladega County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	74,107		80,321	
County child population	20,571		20,066	
Children as percentage of Talladega County's population	27.8		25.0	
The children of Talladega County				
Under age 5	5,093	24.8	5,091	25.4
Ages 5-9	5,513	26.8	5,524	27.5
Ages 10-14	6,043	29.4	5,852	29.2
Ages 15-17	3,844	18.7	3,599	17.9
The diversity of Talladega County's children				
White	12,521	60.9	12,061	60.1
African American	7,956	38.7	7,540	37.6
Hispanic			179	0.9
Other races	94	0.5	92	0.5
More than one race			194	1.0
Median family income	$32,739*		$38,004	
All persons living below poverty level	20.2%		17.6%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	8	9.1	7.0	38	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	104	128	9.5	11.2	58	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	521	580	50.8	50.9	59	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	174	169	15.8	14.8	49	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	42	57	3.6	5.5	17		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	237	147	6.0	4.0	31	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	265	167	21.3	15.2	31	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	4	50.6	25.9	17	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	400	182	19.6	9.1	40	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	52	11	536.3	116.4	30	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	24	109	242.7	1,153.3	28	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	10.1	42.3	19	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	71	71	718.1	751.2	48	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	8	6	122.4	102.5	42	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	101	92	20.9	20.2	50	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,343	695	10.2	3.1	47	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	5,264	4,809	26.5	24.7	41		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,019	3,915	28.1	35.1	45		203,931	32.8

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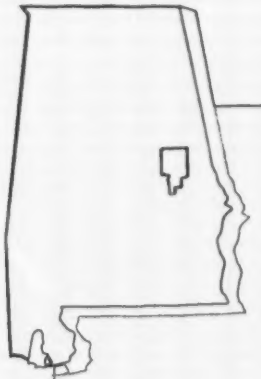
INDICATOR	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	6	8.3	11.1	49	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	65	54	10.7	10.0	45	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	311	298	54.5	55.2	18	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	101	88	16.7	16.3	47	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	23	7.2	4.0	11		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	154	95	7.4	5.1	34	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	178	106	26.9	19.4	37	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	0	52.8	0.0	4	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	105	40	10.6	4.0	10	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	95	215.2	2,058.1	66	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	86	206.1	1,863.1	60	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	86.7	62	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	30	144.3	649.9	58	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	2	191.1	73.9	10	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	50	21.2	23.0	51	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	846	269	7.6	2.5	34	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,920	2,378	19.5	24.3	39		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,551	1,944	28.4	34.6	44		203,931	32.8



County 45 Ranking

Tallapoosa County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	38,826		41,475	
County child population	10,016		10,037	
Children as percentage of Tallapoosa County's population	25.8		24.2	
The children of Tallapoosa County				
Under age 5	2,493	24.9	2,562	25.5
Ages 5-9	2,582	25.8	2,859	28.5
Ages 10-14	2,931	29.3	2,892	28.8
Ages 15-17	1,921	19.2	1,724	17.2
The diversity of Tallapoosa County's children				
White	6,473	64.6	6,496	64.7
African American	3,489	34.8	3,316	33.0
Hispanic			84	0.8
Other races	54	0.5	56	0.6
More than one race			85	0.8
Median family income	$35,363*		$38,148	
All persons living below poverty level	16.0%		16.6%	

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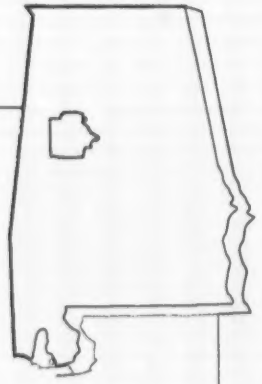
County 38 Ranking



Tuscaloosa County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	150,522		164,875	
County child population	35,963		38,543	
Children as percentage of Tuscaloosa County's population	23.9		23.4	
The children of Tuscaloosa County				
Under age 5	9,647	26.8	10,592	27.5
Ages 5-9	9,766	27.2	10,853	28.2
Ages 10-14	10,139	28.2	10,690	27.7
Ages 15-17	6,113	17.0	6,408	16.6
The diversity of Tuscaloosa County's children				
White	22,920	63.7	22,745	59.0
African American	12,633	35.1	14,332	37.2
Hispanic			631	1.6
Other races	410	1.1	394	1.0
More than one race			441	1.1
Median family income	$39,111*		$45,485	
All persons living below poverty level	20.1%		17.0%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	22	33	10.1	14.2	51	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	188	247	8.6	10.6	50	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	1,254	1,345	61.3	57.7	32	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	275	253	12.6	10.9	36	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	88	190	4.0	8.7	42		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	503	332	7.2	5.0	28	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	563	373	26.1	18.7	27	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	11	11	39.4	36.7	33	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	390	307	10.9	8.0	44	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	136	52.2	795.4	54	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	71	177	436.9	1,035.2	33	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	35	6.2	204.7	63	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	75	125	461.5	731.1	50	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	9	27.8	61.8	11	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	158	102	15.9	10.4	19	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,399	899	7.7	1.9	30	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	8,435	7,439	23.8	19.5	23		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	5,480	7,433	28.2	34.5	42		203,931	32.8

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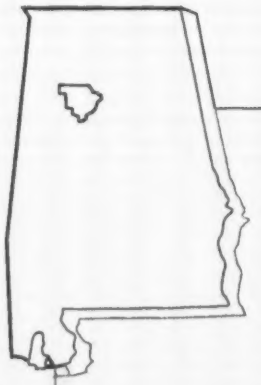
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	13	13	14.1	13.3	41	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	68	76	7.4	7.8	24	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	473	518	53.2	53.1	48	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	98	81	10.7	8.3	13	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	63	6.1	7.2	37		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	258	99	7.4	3.5	7	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	280	119	25.9	13.6	7	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	2	60.5	15.5	25	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	291	162	17.2	9.7	49	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	18	198.8	238.1	27	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	65	142	781.2	1,878.3	57	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	2	48.1	26.5	14	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	4	132.2	52.9	1	I	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	8	6	150.4	127.5	60	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	42	13.1	10.0	13	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,229	286	6.4	1.5	16	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,806	3,406	22.5	21.0	27		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,976	2,708	20.0	27.6	25		203,931	32.8



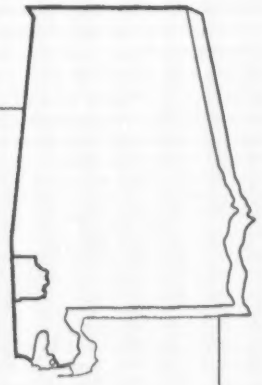
County 24 Ranking

Walker County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	67,670		70,713	
County child population	17,184		16,636	
Children as percentage of Walker County's population	25.4		23.5	
The children of Walker County				
Under age 5	4,220	24.6	4,520	27.2
Ages 5-9	4,569	26.6	4,556	27.4
Ages 10-14	5,151	30.0	4,711	28.3
Ages 15-17	3,170	18.4	2,849	17.1
The diversity of Walker County's children				
White	15,557	90.5	14,838	89.2
African American	1,578	9.2	1,310	7.9
Hispanic			197	1.2
Other races	49	0.3	98	0.6
More than one race			193	1.2
Median family income	$32,864*		$35,221	
All persons living below poverty level	17.3%		16.5%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 32 Ranking



Washington County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	16,694		18,097	
County child population	5,101		5,189	
Children as percentage of Washington County's population	30.6		28.7	
The children of Washington County				
Under age 5	1,229	24.1	1,308	25.2
Ages 5-9	1,483	29.1	1,499	28.9
Ages 10-14	1,469	28.8	1,478	28.5
Ages 15-17	902	17.7	904	17.4
The diversity of Washington County's children				
White	2,936	57.6	2,974	57.3
African American	1,761	34.5	1,628	31.4
Hispanic			54	1.0
Other races	404	7.9	465	9.0
More than one race			68	1.3
Median family income	$30,912*		$37,881	
All persons living below poverty level	24.8%		18.5%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	6.9	3.8	26	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	23	22	8.0	8.5	36	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	141	149	49.0	57.3	31	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	27	31	9.4	11.9	31	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	16	10.3	5.2	31		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	31	9	2.7	0.9	1	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	36	10	10.3	3.1	1	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	2	99.9	49.7	24	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	38	7.4	7.4	26	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	84.0	18	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	84.4	461.8	17	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	27	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	11	421.8	461.8	47	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	44	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	13	17.6	11.0	24	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	621	204	11.1	3.6	50	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,480	1,110	29.3	21.5	30		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	596	750	22.7	26.5	17		203,931	32.8

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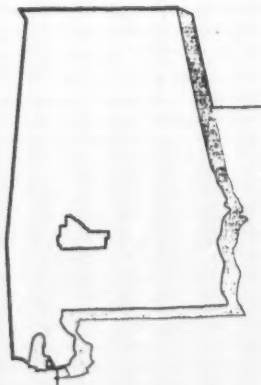
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	5	4.0	19.0	47	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	29	38	11.6	14.4	63	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	114	139	49.4	52.9	63	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	46	21.3	17.5	63	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	19	20	8.3	10.2	56		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	57	32	6.7	4.3	20	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	62	34	23.2	16.5	20	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	56.2	0.0	64	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	35	33	7.5	8.2	48	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	7	93.5	373.5	17	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	160.1	55	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	0	86.9	0.0	18	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	77.3	0.0	17	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	23	26.9	22.8	63	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,263	452	25.3	10.2	66	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,619	1,920	57.4	48.4	66		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	856	1,048	43.6	52.2	61		203,931	32.8



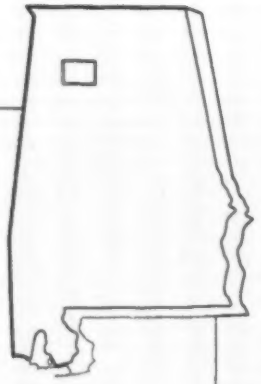
County 65 Ranking

Wilcox County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990		2000	
Total county population	13,568		13,183	
County child population	4,573		4,041	
Children as percentage of Wilcox County's population	33.7		30.7	
The children of Wilcox County				
Under age 5	1,075	23.5	1,067	26.4
Ages 5-9	1,236	27.0	1,100	27.2
Ages 10-14	1,430	31.3	1,136	28.1
Ages 15-17	871	19.0	738	18.3
The diversity of Wilcox County's children				
White	883	19.3	723	17.9
African American	3,688	80.6	3,268	80.9
Hispanic			40	1.0
Other races	2	0.0	4	0.1
More than one race			6	0.1
Median family income	$19,865*		$22,200	
All persons living below poverty level	45.2%		39.9%	

**Adjusted for inflation.*

County 8 Ranking



Winston County

Demographics	1990		2000	
Total county population	22,053		24,843	
County child population	5,415		5,888	
Children as percentage of Winston County's population	24.6		23.7	
The children of Winston County				
Under age 5	1,414	26.1	1,545	26.2
Ages 5-9	1,442	26.6	1,650	28.0
Ages 10-14	1,556	28.7	1,684	28.6
Ages 15-17	1,020	18.8	1,009	17.1
The diversity of Winston County's children				
White	5,385	99.4	5,652	96.0
African American	17	0.3	28	0.5
Hispanic			118	2.0
Other races	13	0.2	44	0.7
More than one race			46	0.8
Median family income	$28,583*		$32,628	
All persons living below poverty level	19.8%		17.1%	

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Indicator	Number		Rate		Rank	Trend	State	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	2	17.1	5.8	14	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	21	30	7.2	8.7	6	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	142	190	52.6	55.1	39	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	13	20	4.4	5.8	3	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	21	1.7	5.7	16		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	52	54	3.9	4.2	43	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	56	55	14.7	15.7	44	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	24.1	0.0	31	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	114	26	21.5	4.4	13	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	2	659.9	74.3	14	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	74.3	15	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	2	271.7	74.3	8	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	59.4	122.9	64	W	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	13	5.5	9.6	6	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	194	100	3.2	1.5	12	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,209	1,266	22.7	21.8	33		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	550	842	17.3	24.4	9		203,931	32.8

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COUNTY RANKINGS & DATA

Overall County Rankings

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Overall county rankings are based on a scale containing eight child welfare factors: births to unmarried teens, children in poverty, children receiving AFDC/TANF, children's health index, infant mortality rate, low weight births, vulnerable families index, and single-parent families. These eight factors were selected from a larger pool of variables based on the degree of innercorrelation among the variables and other factors. The reliability coefficient of the resulting scale, as measured by Chronbach's Alpha, is .748. All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall score. Thus, no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each of the individual indicators.

The overall rank for each county was obtained through the following procedure:

- First, the numerical values for all eight variables were converted into standard scores. Standard scores are derived through subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).
- Next the standard scores were summed in order to create a total standard score for each county.
- Finally, the state's 67 counties were ranked on the basis of their total standard score from the lowest/best (1) to highest/worst (67).

The scale used this year in ranking counties does not correspond totally with scales used in previous years. For that reason, one-to-one comparisons between this year's rank and rankings from earlier years should not be made. However, broad comparisons (e.g., middle third of all counties in one year and upper third in another, etc.) are generally permissible.

Overall County Rankings

RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE	RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE
1	Shelby	-13.01	34	Cherokee	-2.00
2	Cleburne	-8.40	35	Chilton	-1.79
3	Madison	-7.83	36	Geneva	-1.56
4	Lauderdale	-7.32	37	Henry	-0.72
5	Limestone	-7.24	38	Tuscaloosa	-0.43
6	Cullman	-7.05	39	Jefferson	-0.09
7	Autauga	-6.65	40	Bibb	0.41
8	Winston	-6.57	41	Randolph	0.44
9	Blount	-6.43	42	Monroe	1.13
10	Franklin	-6.09	43	Choctaw	1.27
11	Baldwin	-6.08	44	Chambers	1.47
12	Marion	-6.01	45	Tallapoosa	1.55
13	Saint Clair	-5.99	46	Butler	1.94
14	Jackson	-5.63	47	Pickens	2.33
15	Lee	-5.37	48	Montgomery	2.64
16	Elmore	-5.12	49	Pike	2.72
17	De Kalb	-4.80	50	Mobile	2.83
18	Lawrence	-4.32	51	Clarke	2.85
19	Lamar	-4.07	52	Escambia	2.91
20	Coffee	-3.90	53	Russell	3.59
21	Marshall	-3.71	54	Talladega	4.04
22	Etowah	-3.65	55	Hale	4.75
23	Fayette	-3.47	56	Coosa	5.08
24	Walker	-3.26	57	Barbour	5.61
25	Clay	-3.17	58	Marengo	6.45
26	Crenshaw	-3.02	59	Conecuh	10.53
27	Covington	-3.00	60	Lowndes	11.33
28	Morgan	-2.96	61	Dallas	11.66
29	Dale	-2.87	62	Macon	11.88
30	Houston	-2.72	63	Perry	12.91
31	Calhoun	-2.25	64	Sumter	14.09
32	Washington	-2.21	65	Wilcox	14.47
33	Colbert	-2.07	66	Greene	15.32
			67	Bullock	16.60

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Infant Mortality Rate

Low Weight Births

Children's Health Index

Births to Unmarried Teens

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** On the Vulnerable Families Overall County Rankings map, 18 counties are shown as the best counties because scores for Jackson and Marengo counties were equal.*

Vulnerable Families*

Children Receiving AFDC/TANF

Children in Poverty

Single-parent Families

County Data

Abbreviations: **IM**–Infant mortality, **LWB**–Low weight birth, **CHI**–Child health index, **BUT**–Births to unmarried teens, **FGRR**–First grade retention rate, **EDO**–Event dropout rate, **PDO**–Projected dropout rate, **CDR**–Child death rate, **CIAN**–Children with indication of abuse or neglect, **JSAA**–Juvenile substance abuse arrest, **JSAC**–Juvenile substance abuse court referral, **JVCA**–Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, **JVCC**–Juvenile violent crime court referral, **PTD**–Preventable teen death, **VF**–Vulnerable families, **TANF/AFDC**–Children receiving TANF, **POV**–Children in poverty, **SPF**–Single-parent families with children.

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '00	LWB '00	CHI '00	BUT '00	FGRR '01	EDO '01	PDO '01	CDR '00	CIAN '01	JSAA '00	JSAC '00	JVCA '00	JVCC '00	PTD '00	VF '00	TANF/AFDC '01	POV '99	SPF '00
Autauga	3.4	6.0	57.8	10.1	12.7	4.3	16.1	20.4	4.2	2,050.2	1,435.2	119.6	205.0	30.7	12.4	2.3	13.6	27.2
Baldwin	6.1	8.6	60.8	8.8	6.3	3.6	14.4	30.1	14.4	1,116.4	1,579.0	86.4	314.6	105.7	10.4	0.7	13.1	25.8
Barbour	12.5	11.3	55.1	14.5	7.7	4.1	15.8	35.4	11.1	1,298.7	1,609.3	141.2	621.1	46.5	19.9	3.5	37.1	43.0
Bibb	7.1	8.5	56.5	9.9	15.1	4.1	16.3	0.0	17.7	0.0	736.9	0.0	520.2	71.1	13.3	2.3	27.6	27.9
Blount	8.9	8.4	59.8	7.7	8.5	5.4	19.8	9.9	5.5	172.8	587.5	0.0	241.9	29.6	13.7	1.6	13.2	18.8
Bullock	24.4	12.2	51.2	22.0	11.6	3.8	13.9	0.0	14.0	0.0	415.5	138.5	415.5	0.0	25.4	7.7	44.7	59.9
Butler	6.6	9.8	50.5	14.1	8.0	5.9	22.0	0.0	10.0	35.0	455.0	0.0	140.0	55.5	17.1	2.9	31.3	41.1
Calhoun	12.4	10.0	56.8	10.2	7.0	4.4	16.7	58.6	12.9	528.1	1,122.1	90.8	552.8	73.3	13.1	2.6	22.6	32.5
Chambers	6.1	9.2	60.5	16.2	5.3	4.6	17.0	14.2	8.5	703.0	1,180.0	150.6	552.3	80.6	17.7	2.5	22.5	39.8
Cherokee	6.7	9.7	51.8	10.7	7.2	6.0	21.9	24.1	14.8	84.4	2,193.2	0.0	210.9	211.9	15.4	2.3	20.4	23.4
Chilton	11.9	7.6	50.3	8.8	8.4	4.4	16.8	12.6	14.0	304.8	1,524.1	65.3	370.1	147.6	15.6	1.8	19.4	24.5
Choctaw	20.1	14.1	61.3	14.1	8.6	8.5	30.0	62.9	3.9	0.0	456.6	0.0	608.8	86.1	21.0	2.8	34.8	36.6
Clarke	6.9	9.2	56.2	13.8	4.3	0.9	3.6	33.0	4.5	310.9	650.1	0.0	339.2	92.5	16.5	4.5	29.6	33.7
Clay	10.5	8.9	47.6	6.8	9.0	2.4	9.9	0.0	18.5	62.5	1,000.6	0.0	312.7	0.0	10.6	1.6	21.6	26.8
Cleburne	5.3	8.5	59.0	6.4	9.0	5.6	20.3	37.7	19.8	0.0	1,145.8	254.6	445.6	310.6	8.0	1.6	16.1	21.6
Coffee	3.5	10.6	52.3	10.9	6.4	4.9	18.2	60.4	6.3	525.2	1,517.2	58.4	136.2	64.2	15.0	2.1	22.3	29.8
Colbert	10.5	12.1	57.4	12.6	6.5	3.8	14.7	19.7	7.4	300.5	567.5	16.7	183.6	27.4	16.5	0.6	18.4	28.7
Conecuh	11.0	17.7	50.3	14.4	17.6	7.9	31.9	0.0	6.7	352.9	294.1	176.5	411.8	195.7	14.1	7.7	36.1	40.2
Coosa	25.6	11.1	51.3	12.8	5.4	4.4	16.8	0.0	14.6	149.8	1,947.6	149.8	524.3	0.0	16.3	2.8	19.5	32.5
Covington	4.4	8.7	52.9	12.4	7.2	6.0	22.2	14.6	8.0	598.8	2,586.8	71.9	311.4	194.5	14.0	2.6	23.9	29.2
Crenshaw	0.0	5.3	57.6	12.4	9.0	3.8	13.5	0.0	6.2	563.2	1,001.3	187.7	438.0	0.0	13.5	2.2	28.3	34.4
Cullman	4.0	7.3	54.4	7.8	7.6	5.3	19.9	27.7	13.7	403.2	1,117.4	46.1	460.8	110.2	9.9	0.9	14.5	21.9
Dale	10.1	9.6	57.1	9.6	6.7	4.6	17.5	9.9	8.4	899.9	1,817.5	194.1	829.4	0.0	13.9	2.3	19.4	32.3
Dallas	2.5	10.7	53.9	22.8	12.6	2.0	7.9	9.8	5.9	239.7	846.8	175.7	1,901.3	0.0	30.3	7.3	40.7	52.6
DeKalb	9.9	9.3	56.3	8.8	6.6	6.1	22.8	32.5	9.7	129.8	1,024.2	0.0	115.4	135.5	13.3	1.6	18.6	24.4
Elmore	10.2	9.2	57.4	8.7	4.0	5.5	20.6	38.0	4.6	748.1	1,289.8	77.4	477.2	44.0	10.4	1.1	14.2	26.4
Escambia	9.2	11.6	54.5	15.3	9.4	4.1	15.2	27.9	2.9	308.2	23.7	189.7	166.0	109.1	19.7	1.5	24.7	35.2
Etowah	8.0	8.0	60.3	9.6	7.3	5.5	20.3	21.1	10.8	132.3	740.9	17.6	388.1	56.0	12.9	1.5	21.6	31.2
Fayette	8.5	9.4	53.4	8.5	12.9	3.8	14.6	59.2	9.6	616.1	1,516.6	94.8	284.4	222.2	9.8	3.6	21.1	26.5
Franklin	9.0	7.0	54.9	6.3	7.6	3.7	14.4	84.3	12.3	574.4	1,637.0	28.7	344.6	91.8	8.2	2.1	24.6	25.0
Geneva	10.1	11.4	52.2	9.1	9.2	4.0	15.2	21.1	18.3	162.4	812.2	0.0	649.8	169.2	17.5	1.8	27.2	28.2
Greene	13.8	15.2	45.5	20.7	3.3	6.0	21.6	44.7	10.4	0.0	76.3	76.3	2,059.5	114.5	22.8	4.4	44.1	57.0
Hale	18.5	13.0	56.7	14.4	9.6	4.0	16.1	0.0	3.3	0.0	173.7	0.0	911.9	361.5	15.9	3.5	34.0	45.3
Henry	14.0	10.7	61.7	11.2	10.9	5.4	20.8	33.3	5.1	163.0	869.1	0.0	325.9	0.0	9.2	4.6	27.0	33.8

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	INJ '00	JWR '00	CHI '00	BUI '00	FGRR '01	FDO '01	PDO '01	CDR '00	CIAN '01	JSAA '00	JSAC '00	JVCA '00	JVCC '00	PTD '00	VF '00	TANF/AFDC '01	POV '99	SPF '00
Houston	8.6	8.5	59.5	9.8	7.1	5.1	19.1	11.3	7.4	1,090.6	1,654.8	244.5	629.9	16.3	13.5	2.1	21.1	34.0
Jackson	7.6	8.1	55.3	8.5	6.3	3.9	14.6	30.0	10.5	33.3	1,365.5	0.0	449.6	81.4	11.3	1.1	17.2	26.0
Jefferson	11.8	10.5	63.6	11.9	4.1	3.0	11.5	22.0	5.0	589.5	515.0	191.6	524.3	49.9	13.8	3.8	20.2	37.9
Lamar	4.9	9.4	62.6	6.9	8.2	2.8	11.0	34.9	9.5	0.0	498.1	0.0	442.7	87.1	9.5	1.8	19.1	26.8
Lauderdale	4.0	9.1	64.6	8.5	4.6	3.6	13.9	38.2	9.0	922.3	1,653.8	127.2	561.9	48.3	11.6	0.8	18.5	26.6
Lawrence	4.6	7.1	54.6	11.8	5.6	3.4	12.9	28.7	12.5	119.5	956.3	0.0	741.1	0.0	17.1	1.7	16.8	24.7
Lee	10.6	8.9	63.7	9.2	4.9	2.0	8.4	9.5	7.2	577.3	1,087.7	317.9	711.2	34.0	11.1	1.3	16.3	31.7
Limestone	4.2	8.7	61.0	10.4	7.7	6.4	23.1	7.8	9.2	707.1	571.1	136.0	326.4	69.6	14.7	0.9	16.2	23.6
Lowndes	8.9	12.9	60.9	25.3	10.7	2.7	11.8	32.0	4.4	49.6	247.9	49.6	495.8	0.0	25.8	6.0	41.7	50.9
Macon	9.5	10.5	56.8	16.8	7.1	3.8	14.2	0.0	3.6	107.1	142.8	71.4	785.2	41.0	16.8	6.5	43.8	59.2
Madison	5.6	8.9	65.8	8.6	5.8	2.5	9.7	28.7	7.2	613.3	978.2	144.7	594.5	70.5	11.3	1.9	14.1	28.9
Marengo	14.2	11.9	48.4	14.2	11.0	3.1	12.1	20.0	7.1	197.0	787.9	295.5	558.1	0.0	11.3	3.6	33.7	41.5
Marion	7.9	7.7	53.4	7.4	7.3	4.9	17.8	36.6	12.9	276.2	1,411.5	61.4	214.8	249.5	9.2	1.6	18.8	24.1
Marshall	8.6	7.7	51.7	10.9	5.7	5.6	21.1	31.4	20.7	584.6	926.5	44.1	308.8	161.7	15.7	1.5	17.9	27.0
Mobile	10.7	10.8	55.6	12.5	12.5	5.0	18.5	36.2	8.2	461.8	1,320.6	320.0	966.1	75.4	16.9	3.9	26.2	38.0
Monroe	8.5	11.9	54.0	16.8	4.9	4.7	18.0	75.7	8.6	127.6	1,052.6	159.5	287.1	51.5	16.8	2.3	27.0	34.6
Montgomery	6.0	11.1	60.9	13.5	8.2	4.6	17.6	31.2	4.3	317.1	614.9	344.2	576.2	46.4	15.7	5.0	25.1	42.6
Morgan	8.8	9.5	55.7	10.3	5.5	3.1	11.9	41.0	10.4	724.6	1,402.4	70.1	187.0	93.3	14.9	0.9	15.9	27.1
Perry	18.9	15.6	42.9	17.0	7.3	6.8	25.1	36.9	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	181.6	85.8	22.1	6.3	48.9	52.9
Pickens	6.7	9.1	56.6	15.5	9.8	5.5	20.9	23.1	6.8	220.0	330.0	36.7	660.1	0.0	19.2	4.1	34.3	40.2
Pike	10.9	7.6	55.2	15.1	14.8	4.5	16.4	0.0	8.3	537.0	447.5	89.5	1,074.0	74.6	16.0	4.2	29.9	41.7
Randolph	6.8	10.9	54.1	14.6	12.5	5.1	19.0	46.0	6.0	318.3	1,671.3	39.8	238.8	0.0	15.0	3.4	22.1	29.2
Russell	22.7	10.3	57.1	15.4	6.2	5.6	20.0	19.5	12.5	321.9	999.7	169.4	626.9	85.0	23.4	4.4	26.5	43.3
St. Clair	9.1	9.8	55.8	7.1	10.4	5.2	20.0	23.4	8.6	289.2	394.4	26.3	368.1	93.8	12.7	1.9	15.2	23.0
Shelby	9.5	7.3	68.2	4.5	4.2	3.1	12.0	20.3	4.9	55.3	1,264.9	12.3	343.9	128.6	5.2	0.5	7.1	17.2
Sumter	22.6	14.0	60.6	19.0	5.9	0.4	1.5	29.9	5.5	49.9	149.6	99.7	498.5	78.1	20.0	10.5	47.4	52.3
Talladega	7.0	11.2	50.9	14.8	5.5	4.0	15.2	25.9	9.1	116.4	1,153.3	42.3	751.2	102.5	20.2	3.1	24.7	35.1
Tallapoosa	11.1	10.0	55.2	16.3	4.0	5.1	19.4	0.0	4.0	2,058.1	1,863.1	86.7	649.9	73.9	23.0	2.5	24.3	34.6
Tuscaloosa	14.2	10.6	57.7	10.9	8.7	5.0	18.7	36.7	8.0	795.4	1,035.2	204.7	731.1	61.8	10.4	1.9	19.5	34.5
Walker	13.3	7.8	53.1	8.3	7.2	3.5	13.6	15.5	9.7	238.1	1,878.3	26.5	52.9	127.5	10.0	1.5	21.0	27.6
Washington	3.8	8.5	57.3	11.9	5.2	0.9	3.1	49.7	7.4	84.0	461.8	0.0	461.8	0.0	11.0	3.6	21.5	26.5
Wilcox	19.0	14.4	52.9	17.5	10.2	4.3	16.5	0.0	8.2	373.5	0.0	160.1	0.0	0.0	22.8	10.2	48.4	52.2
Winston	5.8	8.7	55.1	5.8	5.7	4.2	15.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	74.3	74.3	74.3	122.9	9.6	1.5	21.8	24.4
Alabama	9.4	9.7	58.7	11.2	7.3	4.1	15.5	26.9	8.2	508.1	1,007.6	144.3	541.3	72.4	14.0	2.7	21.2	32.8

County Rankings

Abbreviations: **IM**–Infant mortality, **LWB**–Low weight birth, **CHI**–Child health index, **BUT**–Births to unmarried teens, **FGRR**–First grade retention rate, **EDO**–Event dropout rate, **PDO**–Projected dropout rate, **CDR**–Child death rate, **CIAN**–Children with indication of abuse or neglect, **JSAA**–Juvenile substance abuse arrest, **JSAC**–Juvenile substance abuse court referral, **JVCA**–Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, **JVCC**–Juvenile violent crime court referral, **PTD**–Preventable teen death, **VF**–Vulnerable families, **TANF/AFDC**–Children receiving TANF, **POV**–Children in poverty, **SPF**–single-parent families with children.

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM '98-'00	LWB '98-'00	CHI '98-'00	BUT '98-'00	FGRR '99-'01	EDO '99-'01	PDO '99-'01	CDR '98-'00	CIAN '99-'01	JSAA '98-'00	JSAC '98-'00	JVCA '98-'00	JVCC '98-'00	PTD '98-'00	VF '98-'00	TANF/AFDC '99-'01	POV '99	SPF '00
Autauga	6	2	20	21	54	42	41	5	6	67	35	52	19	14	28	28	4	24
Baldwin	31	13	13	23	28	35	36	41	46	65	61	43	31	50	20	2	2	14
Barbour	37	55	26	57	44	16	16	11	37	64	46	35	53	47	60	49	59	57
Bibb	48	42	58	33	61	18	17	8	62	1	29	8	59	62	31	31	49	26
Blount	50	25	7	5	46	53	54	23	17	32	22	1	16	23	22	17	3	2
Bullock	66	59	65	64	65	23	21	51	35	10	6	37	23	6	67	62	64	67
Butler	22	18	52	52	43	67	67	45	29	29	5	50	2	46	46	42	53	53
Calhoun	45	30	29	19	35	41	40	37	56	44	38	48	41	41	9	40	37	36
Chambers	20	39	22	60	5	33	30	13	39	61	52	51	32	13	59	39	36	50
Cherokee	23	35	44	38	24	66	66	63	66	12	62	9	4	63	44	32	26	6
Chilton	54	22	54	18	39	46	46	47	45	24	31	20	28	53	40	25	21	11
Choctaw	11	53	16	45	41	65	65	57	5	1	10	1	35	36	41	46	57	47
Clarke	34	31	34	50	48	3	3	54	12	35	15	26	11	28	56	60	51	38
Clay	29	15	61	11	57	5	5	1	64	16	25	1	17	25	10	24	31	20
Cleburne	5	8	42	2	49	47	47	22	67	11	27	64	21	59	2	10	10	3
Coffee	3	19	35	29	18	49	53	29	31	51	51	41	22	18	29	35	35	32
Colbert	35	51	10	37	30	37	34	9	16	45	12	38	5	26	43	3	16	28
Conecuh	65	67	57	43	66	63	63	42	63	37	20	47	26	49	36	67	58	52
Coosa	61	61	64	53	23	64	64	1	53	28	49	29	39	66	58	38	24	37
Covington	16	26	24	35	13	58	57	58	34	48	67	30	38	58	32	36	38	30
Crenshaw	7	1	43	40	20	25	25	1	52	39	32	32	33	4	34	33	50	41
Cullman	18	7	36	8	33	24	24	43	47	42	40	22	40	35	8	4	7	4
Dale	58	16	17	20	25	32	33	7	54	62	66	57	57	38	15	37	21	35
Dallas	32	60	49	66	59	13	11	26	14	26	26	58	67	21	65	63	60	63
DeKalb	12	23	47	14	15	55	55	36	33	20	36	7	3	57	26	11	18	10
Elmore	30	27	14	25	10	40	42	49	7	56	50	34	43	29	23	9	6	16
Escambia	57	47	51	48	50	27	26	27	11	34	4	53	6	22	54	18	41	46
Etowah	24	21	15	32	34	48	48	10	55	21	24	28	30	27	30	14	31	33
Fayette	19	20	53	10	52	52	52	55	50	60	64	44	10	48	11	45	28	18
Franklin	17	5	45	6	53	14	13	66	23	50	59	17	34	54	4	29	40	13
Geneva	52	29	30	27	36	36	35	61	61	33	42	24	55	65	38	20	48	27
Greene	59	65	67	67	27	56	56	67	58	8	2	13	64	8	62	53	63	65
Hale	9	62	62	51	60	21	23	39	8	5	7	11	61	67	42	44	55	59
Henry	60	40	6	28	55	57	58	18	1	43	41	25	27	3	21	54	46	39

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM	LWB	CHI	BUI	EGRR	EDO	PDO	CDR	CIAN	JSAA	JSAC	JVCA	JVCC	PTD	VE	TANF/AFDC	POV	SPE
Houston	33	32	8	34	45	51	51	21	42	63	53	60	49	33	35	27	28	40
Jackson	15	12	46	15	19	44	43	16	43	9	55	1	37	30	17	6	14	15
Jefferson	55	46	5	39	8	11	10	30	18	53	19	61	56	32	39	48	25	48
Lamar	64	34	11	4	22	6	6	62	15	1	37	1	25	40	3	23	20	21
Lauderdale	4	38	3	12	2	15	15	19	24	59	63	45	42	31	14	5	17	19
Lawrence	10	33	40	30	7	9	8	44	60	13	45	1	62	7	27	22	13	12
Lee	42	14	4	22	4	2	2	28	21	52	43	65	51	2	16	15	12	34
Limestone	2	10	12	17	32	60	60	32	32	47	16	31	15	37	25	13	11	7
Lowndes	62	64	25	65	67	26	32	65	2	6	11	40	65	19	64	59	61	60
Macon	53	57	55	61	12	22	22	53	4	25	9	39	63	5	61	64	62	66
Madison	8	17	2	16	6	4	4	40	19	58	44	56	46	24	12	26	5	29
Marengo	56	66	60	55	63	8	9	14	28	15	39	49	44	16	17	56	54	54
Marion	39	3	33	9	29	39	39	59	57	49	58	18	24	61	5	8	19	8
Marshall	28	11	50	24	9	59	59	48	65	55	30	23	29	51	33	19	15	22
Mobile	46	49	41	42	62	29	28	50	38	46	47	66	60	34	48	51	44	49
Monroe	13	52	28	54	26	38	38	35	20	23	21	42	14	55	47	41	46	43
Montgomery	44	48	9	46	38	17	18	46	3	36	23	67	52	39	45	58	43	56
Morgan	40	37	37	26	3	50	49	34	41	57	48	46	13	56	37	7	9	23
Perry	27	56	66	62	51	61	62	20	25	7	1	21	7	15	66	61	67	64
Pickens	1	43	19	59	47	19	19	6	22	22	13	33	45	1	57	57	56	51
Pike	43	28	21	56	58	54	45	12	27	41	18	54	66	12	53	52	52	55
Randolph	25	44	38	44	64	30	29	56	36	40	56	10	9	9	52	43	34	31
Russell	63	41	27	41	14	62	61	38	59	38	54	59	54	20	49	55	45	58
St. Clair	36	9	23	7	40	45	50	52	51	31	65	16	20	43	7	21	8	5
Shelby	21	4	1	1	1	10	12	15	9	14	34	12	12	45	1	1	1	1
Sumter	67	54	56	58	21	12	14	60	30	19	3	36	36	52	55	65	65	62
Talladega	38	58	59	49	17	31	31	17	40	30	28	19	48	42	50	47	41	45
Tallapoosa	49	45	18	47	11	34	37	4	10	66	60	62	58	10	51	34	39	44
Tuscaloosa	51	50	32	36	42	28	27	33	44	54	33	63	50	11	19	30	23	42
Walker	41	24	48	13	37	7	7	25	49	27	57	14	1	60	13	16	27	25
Washington	26	36	31	31	31	1	1	24	26	18	17	27	47	44	24	50	30	17
Wilcox	47	63	63	63	56	20	20	64	48	17	8	55	18	17	63	66	66	61
Winston	14	6	39	3	16	43	44	31	13	1	14	15	8	64	6	12	33	9

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Indicators and Definitions

Births to Unmarried Teens: The number of live births to unmarried females aged 10 through 19 expressed as a percent of live births to women of all ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of Alabama Vital Events for 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1997, Table 4-26 (1990, 1991 and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1993 through 1996 and 1998 through 2000.

Child Death Rate: The number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 through 14 per 100,000 children of those ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of Alabama Vital Events for 1990, 1991 and 1992, Table 5-5; and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1993 through 2000.

Child Day Care Facilities: The number of legal child day care facilities located within a specified county as of February 2002. "Legal facilities" are those that are registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. This indicator encompasses family day care homes (serving six children or less), group day care homes (serving 7-12 children), licensed day care centers (serving more than 12 children), and day care centers that are exempt from licensure (serving more than 12 children with church exemption). Homes where children are cared for by relatives or friends, as well as those that operate as business but are not registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, are not included in these numbers.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

Children in Poverty: Related children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all related children under 18. "Related children" include sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc...but not unrelated individuals such as foster children.

U.S. Department of commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing CP-2-2, Social and Economic Characteristics, Tables 29 and 149; and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May 2002.

Children Receiving AFDC/TANF: The number of children in families receiving AFDC/TANF payments during February of the specified year expressed as a percentage of all children under 20. In 1996, the AFDC program ("Aid to Families with Dependent Children") became the TANF program ("Temporary Assistance to Needy Families").

Data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Management and Fiscal Analysis Division.

Children with Indication of Abuse or Neglect: The number of children with indication of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under 18. This measure involves instances of child abuse or neglect where both credible evidence and the professional judgement of the social worker substantiate that an alleged perpetrator is responsible for harming the child.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Center for Information Services Partnership.

Children's Health Index: The percent of total births with none of six birth characteristics that affect children's later school success (late or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain, mother smoked during pregnancy, mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, three or more older siblings and closely-spaced births).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Event Dropout Rate: The percent of students who dropped out of grades 9-12 during the specified school year expressed as a percentage of the total enrolled in grades 9-12 on the fortieth day of that school year. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Alabama public schools adhere to the definition of "dropout" developed by the National Center of Education Statistic. According to this definition, a dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school sometime during the previous year and was not enrolled on October 1 of the current school year; or was not enrolled on October 1 of the previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and has not graduated from high school or completed an approved education program; and does not meet any of the exclusionary conditions (i.e., transfer to another school system or approved education program, temporary absence due to suspension or illness, or death).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

First Grade Retention Rate

The number of students enrolled in the first grade during the specified school year who were not promoted to the second grade expressed as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the first grade. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Education.

Infant Mortality Rate: The number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data are reported by infant's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of Alabama Vital Events for 1990 through 1997, Table 5-31 (1990-93) and Volume 4 (1994-97); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health for 1998 through 2000.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Arrest Rate: The number of arrests of persons under age 18 for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Court Referral Rate: The number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1990 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 and 2000.

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate: The number of arrests of persons under age 18 for violent offenses (homicide/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

Juvenile Violent Crime Court Referral Rate: The number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault or simple assault per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1990 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data provided by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 and 2000.

Low Weight Births: The percent of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams). Data are reported by the mother's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of Alabama Vital events for 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1997, Table 4-23 (1990, 1991 and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1993 through 1996 and 1998 through 2000.

Median Family Income: The point at which half of the families are above a specified income level and half of the families are below.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary tape File 3A, Issued in CD-ROM Format, December, 1992, Table P107A and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May, 2002. Although these data are from the 1990 and 2000 censuses, they reflect income values for 1989 and 1999. Incomes for 1989 have been adjusted for inflation so that they will be comparable with 1999 dollars

Persons Below Poverty Level: The number of persons living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of the total population.

Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May 2002. Although these data are from the 1990 and 2000 censuses, they are based on income levels for 1989 and 1999. The poverty threshold for a family of four (two adults and two children under 18) was $12,575 in 1989 and $16,895 in 1999.

Population: Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to persons under 18 years of age.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Housing and Population, Summary Tape Files 1A and 3A, issued in CD-ROM Format, September,1991 and December, 1992, Tables P011 (STF1A) and P013 and Po14 (STF3) and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 1, Tables P6 and P8, Released March, 2002. Totals for the individual age categories reported under "demographics" on the count profile pages will not add exactly to the total population because of both 100 percent population counts and sample data from the 1990 census.

Preventable Teen Death Rate: The number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to persons aged 15 through 19 per 100,000 persons in that age group.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Projected Dropout Rate: The proportion of the ninth grade class for the specified school year that would drop out of school prior to graduation if that year's grade specific dropout rates were to remain constant in subsequent years. This procedure produces a projected, four-year dropout rate for a hypothetical cohort of students. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data. For the definition of "dropout" used by Alabama's public school systems, see the information reported above for the "Event Dropout Rate."

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

Single-parent Families: Percent of all children under 18 years of age living in a family headed by only one parent.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Housing and Population, Summary tape File 1C, issued in CD-ROM Format, February, 1992, Table P018 and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 1, Table P19, released March, 2002.

Trend Analysis: Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminate" (-). Trends are not provided for single-parent families and related children in poverty because of lack of sufficient data.

Vulnerable Families: First births to unmarried teenage mothers who had not finished high school as a percent of all live births.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

All data are reported by county of residence except the juvenile violent crime arrest rate and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate (tabulated according to the county where the arrest occurred) and the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate (tabulated according to the county where the offense took place).

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Membership in VOICES for Alabama's Children is available to any individual or group that shares our concern about Alabama's children and families. We hope you will join us in developing a statewide network that will speak with one voice for the needs of our children. In addition to becoming more effective advocates for children by networking with others, members will receive the following benefits:

Newsletter

- In-depth analyses of Alabama Kids Count data
- Updates on children's issues in state and/or national news
- Focus reports on state and/or national children's programs

Action Alerts

- Alerts of legislation needing immediate attention will be mailed, emailed, and/or faxed.

Alabama Kids Count Data Book

- Provides information on the well-being of children in Alabama
- Aids organizations and others in grant applications, needs assessment and program planning
- One copy at no charge to Organizational members at the Individual Contributor level and above
- Discounts on *Data Book* with specific membership packages
- 2002 Publication will be $45 per *Data Book* for non-members

Additional Publications

- *Alabama Kids Count Report:* a companion to the *Data Book* (all members receive a copy)
- *Children's Legislative Agenda* (all members receive a copy)
- *Children's Legislative Report* (all members receive a copy)

Legislative Activities

- Staff lobbyist works in legislature to represent VOICES Agenda
- VOICES leads United VOICES meetings during the legislative session to stay informed and keep others informed of the status of children's legislation
- VOICES acts as the eyes, ears, and voice of child advocates across the state in the legislature

Website/E-mail:

- Members Only section of VOICES website
- Interactive conversations with other VOICES members
- Your events added to VOICES virtual calendar of events
- Job postings for member groups

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Mission Statement

To ensure a decent childhood for every Alabama child.

To accomplish this mission, VOICES for Alabama's Children:

- *researches the conditions of children in our state*
- *communicates those conditions to those who can work for change, and*
- *advocates for public policy and private programs that will improve the lives of children and families.*
- *builds coalitions to work for improvement in Alabama's child well-being.*

The following are programs of VOICES for Alabama's Children:

Children's Issues Public Awareness Campaign
Alabama Kids Count
Children's Legislative Agenda
Legislative Advocacy
Children's Legislative Report
Regional Meetings of Child Advocates
Kids and Kin Program
Brain Train
Alabama Birth-to-Five Initiative

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